

At the meeting on Wednesday of the general committee on *Conversazione* the following sub-committees were struck:— Invitation, E. Rykert and R. Palmer, conveners; music, R. J. Gibson, convener; lighting, heating and seating, H. B. Fraser, convener; decoration, J. H. Rodd, convener; reception, J. H. Senkler, convener; printing, C. A. Chant, convener; finance, R. E. Heggie, convener; refreshments, J. S. Johnston, convener. The representatives of the Engineering and Mathematical and Physical Societies, and of the Natural Science Association were left to choose their own conveners. All sub-committees were requested to meet and prepare their estimates for submission to the general committee at a meeting to be held on Tuesday next at four o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. Hall.

The first Y. M. C. A. meeting for the term was held on Thursday last, under the leadership of John Munro, '89, and F. W. Laing, '90. The subject for the afternoon was the Deceitfulness of Sin, founded on Hebrews 3: 13.

Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of St. Andrew's Church, addressed the Association this week, taking as his subject "The soul's prosperity the measure or limit of temporal prosperity," as set forth in John 3: 2—"Beloved, I wish in all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

Next week the leaders will be R. J. Gibson and J. W. Scane, and the subject "The Kingdom of God"—Matt. 6: 10.

On Saturday evening (to night) the presidents of the Medical Students' Association and the University College Association are "At Home" to members and their friends. Rev. E. A. Stafford will deliver a short address, and Dr. Gilbert Gordon will give an account of Professor Drummond's work in Edinburgh. The Minister of Education is expected to preside.

H. B. Fraser and G. B. McClean visit the Guelph Agricultural College on Sunday, February 3rd, as a deputation from the University College Young Men's Christian Association. A deputation will likely visit Woodstock College also.

The General Secretary has been appointed to read a paper at the provincial convention of the Young Men's Christian Association to be held in Ottawa from January 31st to February 3rd. Other delegates will also represent the Association.

Word has been received from Messrs. Gale and Harkness, to whom the Association said good-bye in October last. They were at the time of writing at Yokohama and expected to start in less than a week for Seoul, Korea, where they, doubtless, now are. W. V. Wright, '87, entertained them in Tôkyô, where he is doing mission work under the Society of Friends.

News has been received from Montreal that two graduates of McGill go to the foreign mission work shortly, one being sent by Crescent Street Presbyterian Church, the others by a private gentleman.

On the Y. M. C. A. programme it is announced that the Association's building is open every Saturday evening till ten o'clock. Music, chess, checkers and conversation make the time pass quickly in the cosy parlour. On Sunday afternoon, too, the building is open to those who want to read or have some music.

PERSONAL.

THE VARSITY extends its congratulations to Mr. G. D. Wilson, B.A., '87, the announcement of whose marriage recently appeared in the city dailies.

Mr. A. F. Chamberlain, B.A., Lecturer in Modern Languages, has been distinguishing himself by his researches in Indian Languages. He has during the past four weeks read a number of papers before the Canadian Institute Philological Section on this and other subjects. Perhaps the best of his contributions to this Section was an able paper on "The Origin of Grammatical Gender."

Mr. D. R. Keys, B.A., has been elected Chairman of the Section, in place of Dr. McCurdy, who lately resigned.

GENERAL COLLEGE NOTES.

Harvard University has graduated three presidents, two vice-presidents, eighteen cabinet officers, three speakers of the House of Representatives, and four supreme judges.—*Ex.*

The chair of English Literature and Belles-Lettres at Notre Dame University is now filled by Maurice F. Egan, the popular writer formerly connected with the New York *Freeman's Journal*.

The description in a Glasgow paper of a recent row in Edinburgh suggests a striking parallel to the Toronto reader. The medical students of Edinburgh gathered in a body to serenade an "Indian Medicine Man" called Sequah, and to "demonstrate," as the Glasgow *Mail* puts it, their sturdy aversion to his methods and his medicine and possibly to Sequah himself. The demonstration became somewhat boisterous and resulted in some damage to several students. A "town and gown" row began and serious trouble was averted only by the prompt action of the police.

An undergraduate of Oxford was recently "rusticated" for being too funny. He indulged in a few sarcastic threats and funny hits at certain members of the Faculty, "Dons and other passing events," as he calls them, for which offence he has been summoned before the college authorities and dismissed, in spite of a petition signed by 200 of his colleagues, pleading that he be forgiven. The local magazine in which the offense appeared is enjoying quite a good deal of notoriety. This custom of writing parodies and making good-natured hits at both Oxford and Cambridge has existed for many years, but this is the first instance where a student has been sent away for so doing. Perhaps they were excused for the sake of the exquisite humour which appeared in such parodies as that of Bret Harte's "Heathen Chinee." The Cambridge version of the story was entitled, "The Heathen Passeur," and told how suspicion attached to an undergraduate, during an examination, for finishing off his paper too soon—a suspicion only too well justified, because "Engraved on his cuffs Were the Furies and Fates, and a delicate map Of the Dorian States; And they found in his palms—which were hollow—What is frequent in palms—that is, dates."—*The Athenaeum*.
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