

MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

J. J. Ferguson, '90, is reporting on *The World* at present.

The School of Science dinner eventuates at Webb's next Friday evening.

Three of the first year lady undergraduates are taking the Natural Science course.

McLay, '91, and Duncan, '93, leave to-day for New York on the International Football Team.

The first annual banquet of the Class of '93 will be held at Harry Webb's on Wednesday, December 3.

The annual election of the Class of '91 will take place to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock, in the Y.M.C.A.

The editors of THE VARSITY are requested to be present at the editorial meeting this afternoon at four o'clock.

The Class Society of '94 will hold their first social entertainment in the Y.M.C.A. parlors on Saturday evening.

THE VARSITY desires the names of the secretaries of all the graduate class societies. Can anyone furnish us with all or some of them?

The principles of the gown advocates among the ladies were practically adopted by the First year, who appeared in academics last Wednesday.

A general meeting of '92 is to be held this afternoon in the Y.M.C.A., at which a literary programme will be presented and the matter of a class dinner discussed.

Considerable progress is being made in the work on unpacking the many books donated to the library. Mr. Brebner has a staff of helpers working every night making up the lists.

Ferguson, '91, represented the undergraduates of Toronto at the McGill Dinner on Thursday last. B. E. Thompson and J. W. Shaw were the representatives from Toronto and Trinity Medical Schools respectively.

The Y.W.C.A. met on Wednesday afternoon. The subject was "Influence," and very good addresses were given by Miss Carter and Miss Young. Next week will be the monthly Missionary meeting; the subject will be "India," and the meeting will be led by Miss Rogers and Miss Green.

A good deal of desultory fracassing took place at the University last Thursday morning. The discussion, we understand, arose out of a debate on the right of the citizen to petition. The warm enthusiasm aroused by an abstract political question of this nature is a flattering proof of the efficacy of our new Political Science course as a moulder of University thought.

At the first meeting of the Philosophical Society of '93 the following officers were elected: Hon.-Pres.—J. M. Baldwin, M.A., Ph.D; Pres.—F. Tracy, B.A.; 1st Vice-Pres.—P. J. Pettinger; 2nd Vice-Pres.—Miss Garrett; Sec.—E. A. Henry; Councillors—Miss Patterson, and Messrs. Wilson and Lane.

H. H. Cunningham, who spent the summer in Ireland, and so successfully obtained his degree from Trinity College, Dublin, returned to Wycliffe last week to resume his studies in Divinity. He was a passenger on board the *Vancouver* when it encountered the heavy gale which swept away the captain.

Last Friday a representative delegation from the upper years waited on the gentlemen of the first year after the twelve o'clock lecture and escorted them through the building. A very pleasant half-hour was spent amidst the corridors and halls of learning before the company dispersed. Owing to an unavoidably hasty departure, several note-books and fragments of wearing apparel were inadvertently left behind by gentlemen of the first year; but otherwise nothing occurred to mar the pleasurable nature of the event.

CLASS SOCIETY OF '93.—A meeting of the Class of '93 was held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, on Thursday evening last, the president occupying the chair. The all-absorbing subject of a dinner was immediately discussed. After the many objections had been overruled it was finally decided that '93 should dine, and that right sumptuously. A motion to the effect that the society adopt class colors, which should be yellow and black, was carried by a small majority. The business disposed of, the members prepared to enjoy the literary and musical entertainment. A well rendered glee was followed by an intellectual treat from the orator. Mr. Clarke's silver-toned oratory, and vivid illustrations, did ample credit to his well-chosen subject: "Be sure you're right and go ahead." Mr. Jenkins, the Poet, then produced a tragedy wherein he told in pathetic tones of the sad downfall of "Audacium." An able criticism from Mr. Bull and a most acceptable song from Mr. Edwards, to the accompaniment of the banjo, formed the conclusion of a very successful and entertaining meeting.

Y. M. C. A.—The Thursday afternoon meetings have been unusually well attended this term, but last Thursday's was the largest yet. The large assembly-room was entirely filled by the men and the parlor by a large delegation of ladies. The delegates to the Intercollegiate Missionary Alliance were to report. Mr. J. S. Scott was unable to be present on account of illness, and consequently there were

only two, Messrs. W. R. McIntosh and C. A. Stuart, to report. In the short time at their disposal it was impossible for them to give anything like a full account of the Convention, but they made the best use of their time by calling attention to the printed reports which will soon be in the hands of the members of the Association, and pointing out matters that would be of most interest. Mr. Cossum, B.A., of Colgate University was then called upon to address the meeting. Before doing so, he read several passages of Scripture bearing specially upon the commissions for the evangelization of the world. Mr. Cossum's address was full of interest and very pointed. He referred particularly to the great need of the heathen world and God's need for fully consecrated men to carry the Gospel to the heathen; the great work that might be accomplished by the present generation, and the special privilege of college men to share in this great work, and the corresponding mighty responsibility resting upon them. After the address, while heads were bowed in silent prayer, the Volunteer pledge was passed around. Only one man signed, but we do not despair of far better things resulting from Mr. Cossum's timely visit and practical address. Prayer meeting is called for Sunday evening at nine o'clock to follow up the increased missionary zeal aroused by Mr. Cossum's visit. Next Thursday afternoon will be a regular topic meeting. The subject is "Our Crucified Lord," John xv. 13, and will be opened by W. Hardie, '91.

Harvard was founded in 1648, Yale in 1701, Columbia in 1739, Princeton in 1746, Dartmouth in 1766.—*Ex.*

American colleges derive two-fifths of their income from students, while English Universities only get one-tenth from that source.—*Ex.*

The New York *Sun* for July 1st contained the following statement: "Ninety-four of our colleges have received in gifts during the past year the great sum of \$3,124,579, and the total amount of the present endowments is \$51,765,449."

It is surprising to find so many college presidents who are under thirty-five years of age. Among these are the following: Bashford of Oberlin Wesleyan University; McDowell of Denver University; Harper of the University of Chicago; Hyde of Dartmouth; Gates of Amherst, and Rogers of Northwestern University.

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