

The first and second year men have a practice of entertaining their brethren of the final year at a supper previous to their departure. These suppers, prior to this, have been held in a private house. This year, owing to the increased number of men in the Hall, no room large enough could be obtained outside of an hotel, and consequently the Burnett House was patronized. The spread was all that could be desired. Oysters and other dainties having been despatched, the youthful "theologs" braced themselves to lay hold of the wit and wisdom of the sober, grave and reverend seniors. Mr. McRossie, who occupied the chair, called on each, and speeches long and short, witty and dry, learned and unlearned, were delivered and received with cheers. Advice was cheap. One man thought the great requisite of a student was a "receptive faculty," another that he should be "thorough," while a third considered that he should be "critical." All gave invitations to their youthful brethren to visit them "in their manses," except "Neil," who told them "that if ever any of them came within 50 miles of his manse, to be sure and stay there." "Bob" hoped that if any of them got into "any of the great walks of life," they would be sure of his sympathy. "Dave" told them they had much to be thankful for in Canada, where educational aid was much more easily acquired than in Scotland. Prof. Dyde gave his farewell speech, so did Mr. Colin Scott. The former is off to Fredericton, the latter to Ingersoll. Altogether, a very pleasant time was spent, and after singing "Blest be the tie that binds," the company dispersed.

Y. M. C. A.

THE principal of Kioto Theological Seminary, Japan, addressing the Yale divinity students, said that 13 churches have been formed in Japan during the past year, and mentioned the interesting work of an American student who formed a congregation which now numbers 375 members. He appealed for at least six men to go to Kioto as preachers.

Rev Josiah Tyler, who has been a missionary in Africa over thirty years, says the Zulu men, especially young men, are becoming fearfully addicted to smoking, and he perceives that it makes serious inroads on their constitution. This is one of the unpleasant results of European civilization! No American missionary in South Africa uses tobacco in any form. Dr. Tyler adds: "We shall, ere long, have anti-tobacco societies in all our missionary stations, and shall fight against this vile habit till we lay our armour down."

Mr. Studd, the great English evangelist who accompanied Messrs. Moody and Sankey through the Old Country and the States, is now in New York holding meetings with the students of Union and other seminaries. He is expected in Kingston next month to hold a series of services with the students of Queen's. These meetings will no doubt be very profitable and interesting to all, as Mr. Studd takes a deep interest in the spiritual welfare of students.

The Indian Christian young men of Dakota are forming Y.M.C. associations. The Indian name for a Y.M.C.A. is "Kosha Okodakiciye." There are now eleven societies bearing this euphonious designation. They have been holding a missionary conference at which the day meetings were attended by young women as well as men; the evening sessions were for young men only. For president one of the associations "looked around till they found an old man with a young heart." All these Dakota associations are careful "not to do work that only the church should do." This interesting movement seems to be entirely spontaneous.

PERSONALS.

MR. ADAM SHORTT, M.A., has been appointed assistant to Dr. Watson, Queen's College. Mr. Shortt graduated at Queen's in 1883, and the same year took the gold medal in Mental and Moral philosophy. During his course he obtained the Governor-General's prize and the McLennan prize for an essay on "Recept English Psychology." He took the degree of M.A. in 1885. Subsequently Mr. Shortt also attended the philosophy class at Edinburgh university, and carried off a very important prize. He is a native of Walkerton, County Bruce.

Mr. J. F. Smith filled the pulpit of Mr. W. H. Boyle, Paris, on the 21st ult. Mr. Smith, it will be remembered, officiated for Mr. Boyle, during his absence last summer in the old country.

The class of '89 has been increased this week by the addition to its numbers of two young ladies, Misses Squires and Lockhead. The gentlemen of that class will have to make an extra effort if they do not wish the ladies to leave them behind on the finals, in the spring.

Quite a number of the students, whose homes are at a long distance from Kingston, remained in the city during the Christmas vacation and passed the time very enjoyably studying, sleeping or calling on their young lady friends so that they may not have to go out the rest of the session and having a good time in general. The general verdict is that Kingston is a jolly place to spend the Christmas week.

Mr. W. J. Drummond, while attending his classes in Queen's last Friday, received a telegram announcing the death of his father and immediately left for his home near Brockville. Mr. Drummond had been troubled with an affection of the heart, for some time, which was the cause of his sudden death. About two years ago the same young gentleman was summoned from college to the death-bed of a fond mother, and the death at this time of a watchful and indulgent father makes his bereavement extremely sad. Mr. Drummond has the sympathy of his friends in this city.