

PERSONAL.

GEO. F. HENDERSON is studying law in Ottawa.

The Rugby and Association Football clubs sat for their photos on Saturday last.

The Rev. Dr. Wilson, formerly of St. George's Cathedral of this city, will preach in Convocation Hall on the first Sabbath after the Christmas vacation.

Mr. D. A. Givens, '78, has decided to open his law office in this city, and is now established in his native place.

Professor Fletcher has been appointed University Examiner in Classics at Trinity College, Toronto, and Dr. Watson, Examiner in Mental and Moral Philosophy.

We regret that the name of Mr. R. M. Phalen, the Committee man of the Sophomore year for the Alma Mater Society, was accidentally omitted from the list of officers of that Society which appeared in the preceding number of the JOURNAL.

We regret very much to report the sad death of one of our brightest students, Mr. Frank Lawlor, who died at his home at Sydenham on Wed., 8th inst. Mr. Lawlor matriculated for Queen's last fall and was one of the successful competitors for scholarships, carrying off the Leitch memorial scholarship awarded for excellence in Mathematics. He only attended classes for a short time when he was compelled to return to his home owing to an attack of bronchial inflammation, from which he did not recover. Mr. Lawlor's family have the heartfelt sympathy of all the students.

✻COLLEGE WORLD✻

THE Y.M.C.A. of the University of Toronto has recently completed and dedicated a hall costing \$6,104.

One hundred and twenty-four students at Howard University, Washington, are working their own way through college.

It is claimed that over 1,700 college students have been converted during the past year and that there are 2,270 candidates for the ministry in the various colleges.

The Harvard University crew is trying to make arrangements to bring either the Oxford or Cambridge crew from England for the purpose of matching the English and American crews.

Vassar, Wellesley, Smith and Bryn Mawr are the only colleges giving instruction to women alone, but there are in the United States over 150 co-educational institutions.

The average age of students entering college is much greater than that of a century ago. Then it was 14; and now about 17.

The topical system has been adopted in the study of American History at Cornell. Each member of the class is assigned a topic, in the preparation of which he is expected to engage in original investigation. The report is to be in the form of an essay and handed to the Professor.

The Episcopal General Theological Seminary, of New York, gives a biennial prize of a gold watch to that member of the middle or senior class who will repeat from memory the entire services for the burial of the dead, and preach the best extemporaneous sermon from a text assigned one hour previous. This year the prize was won by a colored graduate of Howard University.

The experiment of voluntary chapel attendance at Harvard is one which has caused considerable interest, and which from present appearances promises to be successful. The College authorities have appointed six ministers to take charge of the chapel services. They are all graduates of Harvard, and represent four denominations—two Unitarian, two Orthodox, one Episcopalian, and one Baptist. So far, the attendance has been very satisfactory, sometimes larger than before the new order was adopted.

It is reported at Toronto University, that the Senate of that seat of learning intend to expend the money received from the Ontario Government for the old building of King's College, which has recently been demolished, in building a new Convocation Hall much larger than the one they now have. This step will meet with the approval of all Toronto University men, as the present hall is altogether too small for the meetings of such a large number of students as are now in attendance.

Dr. McCosh's paper read before the University Association at Albany recently, takes a decided stand in the matter of electives in the college course. He said that the age of universal scholars is past. Restrictions should be imposed upon electives, that there should be prescribed studies for every year in the college course. No electives at all should be permitted during the Freshman year, and their value in the Sophomore year is doubtful. Juniors and Seniors may take advantage of them within certain limits. Dr. McCosh states that if students entered the college at an earlier age, the proportion of graduates would be largely increased. Twenty or twenty-one is the age at which he thought students should be graduated.