

The students have still had the pleasure of supplying the churches of Ayers Flat and Fitch Bay during the past month, while Mr. Craik supplied, for one Sunday, the pulpit of the Old Kirk, Lancaster, for the Rev. Mr. Gordon Smith.

There were six graduated in the class of '89, *i. e.*, Revs. J. M. Austin, Wilberforce Lee, F. Macallum, B.A., Hilton Pedley, B.A., H. C. Mason, B.A., W. J. Watt. They are all widely scattered. Three are in foreign lands, and three at home. Of the latter three, one is in New Brunswick, one in Quebec, and the third in Manitoba. Of the missionaries, Japan, Turkey in Asia, and Africa claimed one each. Few classes of like number are separated by such distances.

The following is a brief sketch of the home men. The foreigners we will speak about in our next :

Mr. Austin entered College from the Belleville church, and after graduating received a call and is settled over the Sheffield, N. B., church. We were pleased to see the recent interesting and encouraging news item concerning his work in the January number of the INDEPENDENT, and trust his church may long enjoy his faithful services.

Mr. Watt has, since his graduation, been pastor of one of our good country churches at Franklin Centre, Que. Being near at hand, we hear more frequently of his labors and the success that attends them ; and sometimes we receive a call at the College from him. But he is very near the "lines," in fact, right on the border, and that is a somewhat dangerous place, since, if he receives a very strong call to cross over, he may see it to be a duty to respond as Mr. Solandt did ! However, we should not anticipate such an event ; and are sure the Franklin church will keep him as long as they can.

While the East kept two, the West claimed one, which seems a fair proportion ; and Mr. Mason went to Brandon to start a new cause there. Good success has attended his labors, as reports from time to time in the INDEPENDENT show. He has to-day a strong church, a large Sabbath school, and is spoken of as the best and most influential preacher of that city. He was the gift of Calvary church, Montreal, to the College. The Brandon church is named "Calvary" after it.

#### MISSIONARY ITEMS.

Mr. Currie favored us with the long anticipated call, and, notwithstanding the fact that he needed rest after his serious illness and long journey, we made the most of the short time he was here, by asking many questions, and in listening to his recital of the deeply interesting facts concerning his work and experience in West Central Africa.

But we do not think he found our inquisitiveness a tax, and we were delighted to meet him and listen to him ; only the time was too short ! We hope to see and hear him at greater length at the Union meetings.

Mr. F. W. Read is to be located for the present on Mr. Currie's station at Cisamba, with Mr. and Mrs. Lee and Miss Clarke. He sails from Boston May 7th, and after saying good-bye to his friends in England, will leave for Africa on 7th July.

We have not heard lately from Mr. Macallum or Mr. Pedley. We would like to have some news direct. A communication from each, or both, especially for the "Column," would be hailed with delight. Think, brethren, when you read this, that we learn of the doings of the home-graduates in the news of their churches ; but we cannot get news about you except you can find time to write now and then ; unless, indeed, you get some member of your respective churches, in Turkey and Japan, to be "special correspondent" to the INDEPENDENT, and we *do* want to hear from you !

#### M'GILL NEWS.

The course of lectures under the auspices of the Graduate Society, in the interest of "University Extension," has been continued, and are proving very successful. "University Extension," was the subject of one lecture delivered by Prof. Jno. Cox, M.A., who is connected with the University. Another lecture, entitled, "The Religious Influence of Literary Studies," was delivered by Rev. M. H. Buckland, LL.D., President of Vermont University. Both lectures were of a high order, and were fairly well patronized ; the last mentioned being of particular interest to theological students.

The social committee of the Y. M. C. A. have recently held two very successful socials for the first-year members, at the home of Mrs. Kennedy, University Street. This lady has always shown a great interest in the Y. M. C. A. work, and the hospitality she has shown must ever prove a helpful influence to those who have enjoyed it.

"Materialism, and the Modern Physiology of the Nervous System," was the subject of a lecture delivered by Dr. Thomson, of New York, to a large audience in the Molson Hall. By those who were competent to judge of such an abstract subject, the effort was considered a masterly one. Dr. Thomson is the son of the author of "The Land and the Book." He came here under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., and at its Sunday afternoon meeting he gave an interesting talk on the "Book of Job."