

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

When these lines reach our readers the Xmas holidays will be almost at hand, and extensive preparations will be being made to spend this festive season around the family fireside. No portion of the whole year is so thoroughly enjoyed by the students, generally, as the time that intervenes between their leaving college and their arrival home. The success of the trip depends in a great measure upon the insurmountableness of the snow-banks, and the consequent bright prospects of the trains being many hours late. Advantage, too, is sometimes taken of visiting friends along the route, as the joyousness of the season, and the fact that the student has been absent from home during the past four months tend to make the fond parent look with more than his usual leniency upon any delays that may occur during the homeward journey. It is during this trip that hitherto latent elocutionary and musical ability is brought to light, generally to the extreme annoyance of the other passengers who anxiously sigh for the journey's end. In anticipation of the homeward trip which has been looked forward to so eagerly during the past few weeks, the junior editor wishes his readers *un bon voyage* and a most pleasant time during the Xmas holidays.

Since the present occupant of the junior editorial chair assumed the duties of this position it has been customary at this season to dwell at some length, upon the work accomplished on behalf of the juniors during the year. Our course this year, however, will be a departure from that usually followed. This may have been necessary when we were new in our position, but at present we have sufficient reason for believing that our influence is recognized in that quarter where it will be most effective, and that our efforts are being appreciated by those in whose behalf they are exerted. We might, however, without laying ourselves open to the charge of egotism, make known our attitude towards a certain grievance to which our attention has been directed. We refer to the recent tampering with the college clock. A report, based upon good authority, is current that this has been the work of the non-progressive element in our

midst, who, becoming alarmed at the rapid forward-strides made by the juniors since the establishing of this department, have reversed the hands and are endeavoring to make the clock run backwards. Whether or not the rumor is a correct one we intend taking the matter up, and we expect, in our next issue, to be able to announce the removal of this crying grievance.

We take the liberty of suggesting that, if there are any addresses or presentations to the assistant junior editor in contemplation, it would be advisable to notify him as soon as possible, as his time will be pretty much occupied during the next few days.

In preparation for the hockey season "Timothy" intends staying over, and dieting on toast during the holidays.

The assistant junior editor will accompany the Massachusetts contingent this year. He expects to be able during the winter to supply us with a series of articles on reminiscences of the trip.

The Minister of Agriculture will spend the Xmas vacation in Haverhill. From there he will proceed to Washington with a view to having checker-boards placed on the free list.

The championship belt will be presented to "Donovan" on the evening of the 22nd inst. The presentation will be made by H. Gibeault and the address read by Sherman O'Neil.

Erratum : November issue, page 162, column 2, line 7, St Andre de Avellin read St. Andre Avellin.

The following is the rank in the classes of the commercial course for the month of November :

First Grade	{	1. I. Vernon.
		2. F. Howard.
		3. J. Kane.
Second Grade	{	1. J. Coté.
		2. L. Latour.
		3. A. Paquette.