

by singing, 'We are little travellers.' The afternoon session was closed by reports from the Auxiliaries and greetings from the Presbyterian and Baptist Societies of Forest.

"The evening meeting was very well attended. Mr. Maylor occupied the chair; the two principal addresses of the evening were those by Dr. Hindley on 'Home Missions,' and Rev. W. H. Watson on 'Foreign Missions.'

"Dr. Hindley urged his hearers to sustain the work of Home Missions, and pointed out that work done for God at home was as truly mission work as work in the foreign field. He also presented the claims of the work on our purse, and asked his audience to make their giving part of their worship and a test for their love.

"Rev. W. H. Watson's address was an appeal for interest and sympathy in the Foreign work. His words were full of encouragement to those who are not able to do much; one of his expressions being, 'It is the obscure woman who does the best work.' He, too, urged his hearers to give, freely, generously, ungrudgingly, to this work, in which each one of us may bear a part."

OUR AUXILIARIES may obtain the *American Board Almanac* for 1893, full of interesting missionary information, of Mrs. J. D. Nasmith, 207 Bloor St. E., Toronto. The price of the *Almanac* is 10c. per copy.

Obituary.

CAPT. WM. McDUGAL.

All of our ministers and many others who have visited our work at Maitland, N.S., must have pleasant memories of the friendly greetings and the hospitable entertainment ever awaiting them at the cheerful home of the late Capt. McDougal. He was called to his rest on the 23rd of December last, aged 75, after about three weeks' illness. Capt. McDougal was one of the first members of the Maitland church, and has ever been one of its chief supporters. He also took an interest in our missionary and college work, contributing from year to year, when called upon, to those institutions. He was a constant subscriber to the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT; which was anxiously looked for, and carefully read, by him for many years. His forced retirement from a sea-faring occupation, on account of lameness, left Mr. McDougal time to exercise his mind in the interests of his family, as well as in denominational and general Christian work. The church at Maitland is much weakened by his removal to the great assembly above.—J.S.

Our College Column.

WE are once more hard at work after an enjoyable vacation, which proved to us all too short by half. It was like a gleam of sunshine on a rainy day, yet, notwithstanding the brevity of our holiday, we have returned to our studies feeling, because of it, refreshed and better prepared for the long stretch of difficult work which now confronts us.

It might be of interest to many of our readers to know where each student spent the holiday season. Of course, we can state but indefinitely the changing scenes through which each passed. Messrs. Hamilton, Mason and Squires remained in the city. Mr. Brown was at Franklin Centre, where he very successfully labored in the Master's vineyard during the summer of 1893. Mr. Ball accepted an invitation from friends at Melbourne. Mr. Jackson ate his Christmas and New Year's dinner under the parental roof in Kingston. Messrs. J. C. and R. G. Watt rusticated at their homes in Lanark. Mr. Extence visited Toronto. Mr. Mair went to his home in Lanark; whilst the remaining students, Messrs. Day, Kelly and Pollock, spent many pleasant days at the home of Mr. Day's father, Granby, Quebec.

GORDON MISSION.—The work in the Gordon Mission is progressing favorably. The attendance is increasing, and a growing interest is being manifested. On Tuesday evening, Dec. 26th, a Christmas-tree entertainment was held, and from the following account, which appeared in one of our city papers, the success of the meeting may be judged:

"Few stately pine trees that aspired to lofty ceiling of hall or drawing-room, laden with rich presents, were more appreciated than a little tree bedecked with brilliant ornaments and graceful festoons of threaded pop-corn, and dainty flowers of many colored tissue papers, as it stood in the light of its own candles, direct and reflected from the bright eyes and faces of Sunday school children, boys and young men, that crowded a lower tenement on Ann Street, near the gas-works in Griffintown. And the heart of Santa Claus was seldom more joyful than on the occasion of this tree. It was the music of Christmas carols that beckoned him, and as the last notes were sung, bells, announcing the approach of his prancing reindeers, and the hearty shout of welcome from the boys made known his arrival to all the neighborhood. And he found presents for everybody, from rattles and alphabet-books and trumpets and dolls for the children, to nice, warm mufflers and mitts, which came in very appropriately that night; and books for some of the older boys and girls, and all were happy. Refreshments followed; and as the happy gathering dispersed, bags of candy and oranges were presented. The young people of the Christian Endeavor Society of Stanley Street Presbyterian church united with those of Calvary Congregational church, and the students of the Congregational College, in supplying the presents and getting up the entertainment, under the auspices of the Gordon Rooms Mission, which was started about three years ago."