

SCRAPS ABOUT GRADUATES.

'81.—On Tuesday, Dec. 11th, the eastern section of the Rev. J. A. Townsend's congregation had a bee, getting wood for their minister for the winter. They brought eleven loads of logs, which they sawed into stove-lengths. This is not the first time these warm-hearted Archibald, Man., people have played at wood-bee for their minister. It's a way they have.

'83.—The Rev. W. T. Herridge, B.A., B.D., the holder of the David Morrice Fellowship, has attended lectures during the first term in Edinburgh. He has taken Apologetics with Principal Cairns, Church History with Principal Rainy, and Dogmatics with Professor Flint. He is to continue his studies during the second term in Glasgow and London, and then to make a run on the Continent. The kindness shown our graduate by the citizens of the Scottish educational metropolis, is all that could be desired, and he speaks in terms of warmest appreciation of the advantages which he enjoys. In addition to attendance upon lectures, he has many opportunities of studying the currents of thought which move the churches of the old world. Referring to college experience he says, "Now that I have seen a little of much older institutions, I am more than ever proud of my *Alma Mater* and of the instruction there given."

'78.—THE North Admaston Bible-class has presented their pastor, Rev. Charles McKillop, B.A., with a kindly address, accompanied by a handsome testimonial in silver plate bearing a suitable inscription.

'80.—On the 31 ult., Rev. M. D. M. Blakely, B.A., was visited by a surprise party from Cobden, which presented a valuable New Year's gift to Mrs. Blakely, with suitable tokens of respect to himself. A movement is on foot to rebuild St. Andrew's Church, at Ross, another part of Mr. Blakely's parish.

'81.—Rev. G. T. Bayne has received a call to Gloucester, Ont., which he is likely to accept. He will accordingly be released from Eganville, where he has been an ordained missionary since graduating.

'83.—R. McNabb, B.A., was ordained on the 9th instant, being inducted to the charge of Beachburgh and Front-westmeath, Ont.

'83.—W. H. Geddes was ordained on the 10th, and inducted to Plantagenet, Ont.

'79.—A MUSICAL and Literary Entertainment was held in the Presbyterian Church, Manotick, of which the Rev. J. R. Munro, B. A. is pastor, on Wednesday evening, 26th Dec. Mr. M. K. Dickenson, M. P., occupied the chair. Rev. B. F. Oliver, of Manotick, gave an address, which was followed by a reading by Rev. F. W. Archibald, M. A., of Ottawa. One of the chief items on the programme was a debate by the students of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, on the subject:—Resolved, that the Platform wields a greater influence for good than

the Press. Messrs. D. Mackay, B. A. and A. A. Mackay spoke in support of the Platform, and Messrs. R. Gamble, B.A. and G. W. Whillans, B. A. in support of the Press. Both sides were ably sustained, and at the close no vote was taken, the audience concluding that they could not do without either. Another interesting feature was the stripping of the Christmas tree, which was heavily laden with presents for the Sabbath-school scholars and others. Among the presents was a costly fur coat for Mrs. Munro, and several handsome gifts for Mr. Munro. Several choice selections were given during the evening by the Manotick choir, and also college songs by the students which were loudly *encored*. After a short address by the Rev. Mr. Munro, in which he thanked all those who had taken part for their valuable assistance, a most enjoyable and profitable entertainment was brought to a close.

OUTSIDE NEWS AND OPINION.

THE only thing that makes great millionaires tolerable in society is the useful expenditure of their money. Millionaires, who simply accumulate to the end of their days, are mere fatty tumors on the body politic.—*President White, of Cornell*.

THE General Assembly's Committee on a hymnal for the use of our Sabbath-schools is making satisfactory progress. They hope soon to publish a collection of at least 200 hymns with the music, selected with great care, and which will be sold for five cents.—*Record*.

MORRIS COLLEGE is in a very gratifying condition this year. Every room in the college is occupied. There are nineteen regular students in attendance. Three of these are in the Theological department, and sixteen are taking the Arts course, and working for a degree. Four, if not five, of the sixteen have already signified their intention of studying for the ministry.—*Presbyterian Record*.

DR. LEIFCHILD, of London, said to a theological student:—"I will give you my rules for preaching; they were composed by myself; they are very short, and I have put them into rhyme:

Begin low,
Go on slow;
Rise higher,
And take fire;
When most impressed
Be self-possessed;
At the end wax warm,
And sit down in a storm."

THE *Advance* states that the historian Neander—a wonder in learning, a child in helplessness absent-mindedness, an Apostle John in his sweetness of spirit—came home from his lecture room one day to tell his sister, with alarm, that one of his legs was shorter than the other. Inquiry followed, and the fact came out that he had walked with one foot on the curbstone, and one off, the whole distance!