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## MONTREAL, P.Q., JANUARY, 1882.

THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY.—Ere this every member has received the Treasurer's circular as to the membership fee and scholarship contribution for the current session. Those whose membership fees are in arrears have the amount noted. No reference is made, in the circular, to arrears of scholarship contributions, but it is expected that all who are delinquents in this matter will ease their consciences and replenish the treasury, by adding these to their present remittances. A copy of the Constitution and By-laws of the Society has been enclosed to each member, so that every one may be thoroug'ly "posted" as to its aims and procedure.

Its three outstanding features meanwhile are :

1. The Annual Banquet at the close of each session.

2. The Orential Scholarship for undergraduates, and last, but by no means least,

3. The COLLEGE JOURNAL.

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**COTWITHSTANDING** that the session is drawing to a close, quite a number, indeed we must confess it, however painful it may be, fully half of our graduates have not in any way recognized the JOURNAL, neither by sending in their own subscriptions nor obtaining others. Only five have secured other subscriptions besides their own, and only one of these has got more than one in addition to his own. We had surely reason to expect a much more hearty response and liberal and timely support. What can our graduates be thinking about that they neglect their Alma Mater, nay, their own interests. in this way? We shall give delinquents one more chance to redeem their characters. The undergraduates have done their part well. Indeed, we may as well confess it, had it not been for the personal efforts of some of the editorial staff, assisted by a few zealous undergraduates, our torpid alumni would not have been troubled with a fourth number of the PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE JOUR-

NAL waking them up in such a fashion. We feel better after having got out this growl. The thing has been exercising a depressing influence on the editorial mind for some time.

66 -ANNERS makes the man." So says the proverb. What makes the preacher? We-not the proverb—answer, pulpit manners, that is especially delivery, elocutionary power. Without entering into the merits of the question-matter vs. manners-it may be taken for granted, that our worthy Principal deems pulpit manners, and especially elocution, of fundamental importance. Dr. Cuyler, of Brooklyn, after his recent visitation of the churches there, expresses himself very clearly and satisfactorily on this matter. Indeed our United States brethren generally deem a good "get off" essential to a successful ministry, and seek its practical attainment by the establishment of classes for elocution in their theological seminaries. There is no denying the fact that we are freighted with the most ponderable cargo of theological lore, and yet no provision is made by our Senate to secure its safe delivery. We plead for the immediate establishment of a chair or lectureship for practical elocution. A word to the wise, &c.

## The Class of '79.

THE class of '79 was considered one of the most praise-L worthy the College had sent out. One of our prominent Montreal ministers prophesied that the world would yet hear from some of them, and now after two and a half years they are holding their own in the struggle for existence and usefulness very creditably. It is difficult for one member of a class to put in print a correct estimate of his classmates or of their work, for in this matter modesty must rule, and he that lacks discretion cannot be a true friend. We do not wish in any way to display either the superiority or the inferiority of the class '79 over those of other years, but to give a simple outline of the men and of their career, and this we will endeavour to do faithfully. Brotherly affection makes us blind to all their faults, but we will control it by reason in our estimate of their virtues.

First on our list comes John Munro, B. A. John is a Bluenose, who after graduating in Dalhousie College, came west seeking more learning, and settled down manfully for three years at the honour course, in the Montreal Presbyterian College. In both his first and second years he obtained the \$100.00 scholarship, and on graduating received the gold medal in theology, and the Mackay Scholarship. He was soon afterward settled in the Congregations of Manotic and Gloucester, where he has since laboured faithfully and successfully.

Second on the list is C. E. Amaron, M. A. Calvin is a Swiss and bears a glorious old name. He is a son of one of our brave French colporteurs who over forty years ago laid the foundation of our present French Evangeliza-