

The Month.

The evening of the 26th January was notable as another of those occasions, when the Athenæum put on their best behaviour and invite the honorary members to meet with them in the chapel. The items of interest were a racy synopsis by Mr. A. F. Newcomb, a debate on a live commercial subject carried on in that wide awake manner which makes such things interesting, and lastly a talk by Mr. E. W. Sawyer. This last was timely and practical. Taking for his subject the Athenæum society and its place in the College course, Mr. Sawyer set forth in a very plain and clear way the duties we owe to ourselves in relation to the society. He also recommended a system of intercollegiate debates for our Maritime colleges, which we are glad to learn is in progress of arrangement. We are sorry that the inclemency of the weather prevented so many from hearing Mr. Sawyer's address, but we hope that it may be the means of awakening a deeper interest in the society through those who were present.

The usual Y. M. C. A. meeting was held on Jan. 27th. Prof. Falconer, of Pine Hill Seminary, was the speaker of the evening. His subject was "The Authority of Christ." This authority he showed forth very plainly. First, from His character; second, from the titles He used for Himself; third, from the message He brought, and fourth, from His works on earth. The Professor's style is deep yet clear, and he produced a profound impression upon his audience.

At the regular monthly missionary meeting two papers were read; one by Miss Yuill, on the races and religions of Burmah, Siam and Assam, the other on the missions of these countries, by Mr. Stubbert. Rev. J. Denovan then gave an interesting address in his emphatic and original style. He said the three fundamental truths of the New Testament are: The human race is alienated from God; there is only one way for the regeneration of the race, and that it is the bounden duty of every one to be engaged in the evangelization of the race. He then showed by some startling statistics how little was given by the Christians of America, and particularly of the maritime provinces, for mission work, in comparison with the amounts spent in self-indulgence, closing with an urgent appeal to the students of the institutions to engage in the work on account of the glory in it, and its urgent need. The solo rendered by Miss McKeen, of the Seminary, was well received.

This month leaves in the past another event which has all the year been looked forward to with anticipations of untold pleasure. The presence of the ladies in our classes, always a pleasure, is never so fully appreciated as when they entertain us at their annual reception. The evening of Feb. 15 was set apart by the Propylæum society for this event. The weather could not have been more propitious. Æolus, who all day had been sending forth his cruel winds among the drifting snow, ere night recalled them from their wandering and securely chained them within his vast cave, while myriad stars glittered in the blue vault of heaven. Within nothing had been left undone that could add to the comfort or pleasure of the guests. College Hall seemed transformed, for the artistic touch of woman's hand had taken from it the stiff and barren appearance of a hall and in its place everything was homelike, pretty and tasteful. An interesting feature of the evening was the literary and musical entertainment. Two readings by Mr. Todd were well received and heartily ecored. Miss Lorinda Brown rendered two selections on the violin, which also met with hearty applause, and the college quartette, which is always gladly heard, closed the evening with "Good Night." The officers and members of the Propylæum society deserve the congratulations of all upon the unbounded success of their arrangements.

The lecture course, which, owing to unavoidable circumstances, has been somewhat interrupted, was re-opened on the evening of Feb. 16 by Rev. J. Pindar Bland, a native of England, and a man of wide travel. His subject "Happy Homes," was well treated. After picturing the happy homes of numerous men of note, he proceeded to analyze the qualities which make a home happy.