

Mr. J. W. Mackenzie, B.A., who graduated in Theology last year, has been extended a call from the congregation of East St. Peters, P.E.I.

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On the 14th of January Mr. W. K. Shearer was ordained and inducted to Fitzroy Harbor and Torbolton,

Presbytery of Ottawa. This Presbytery is being rapidly filled with our graduates. Already they represent about one-half the number, while in the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa about one third of the ministers have received their training in this institution.

OUR REPORTER'S FOLIO.

Philosophical and Literary Society. —The meeting of January 15th, our readers will notice, was briefly chronicled in the local column of last number. That of the 22nd deserves a much longer notice. For enthusiasm, thoughtful pointed speeches, and drawing out of those who are usually reticent, this was the best meeting of the session. The subject of debate was: "Resolved that the system of giving prizes in our theological institutions should be abolished." Mr. McKenzie opened the affirmative, Mr. Henderson the negative. The question was then left open to all for discussion. Though no vote was taken the majority seemed in favor of the affirmative. Some of the Speeches might well grace the columns of our journal if the speakers would just commit them to writing.

LITERARY SOCIETY—A regular meeting was held on Friday evening, 29th ult., when a debate of unusual interest took place. After a well-rendered French reading by Monsieur Coté, the question, "Should women be

allowed to occupy the pulpit?" was answered affirmatively by Mr. MacDougall. He held that the question was not one to be decided on the ground of present requirements, or on that of woman's physical fitness, but must be settled by an appeal to Scripture. Turning first to the Old Testament he found that women held a prominent place in the Jewish Church; there were prophetesses. Coming to the New Testament he showed that her place in the Apostolic Church was more prominent than in the Church of to-day. His opinion was, that the Bible certainly favored public instruction in divine truth by women. Mr. D. MacLean, in rising to speak for the negative, admitted that the previous speaker told a lot of truth. 'Tis true that woman held a high position in Bible days and in other times since; for example, she was, actually worshipped as the "Goddess of Reason" in the stormy days of the French revolution. He pointed out passages in the New Testament where women were forbidden to speak in public. Paul speaks more than once to the effect that women should not