

the south the climate is very mild in winter, and something less than boiling in summer. We missionaries, however, avoid the intense heat of July and August, by going to Mount Heizan, near Kyoto, where it is quite cool.

Patriotism and filial obedience are prominent features in the national character of this people. Their business morality is bad; debts lie like feathers on their consciences. Tobacco and sake (rice-beer) are consumed in large quantities by all classes. Marriage is by no means the sacred thing we count it, and divorce is common. Intellectually, the people are rather keen, especially in the line of philosophy and hair-splitting; the great defect seems to be the want of practicality. They are splendid in theory, but in practice very deficient as yet. The difficulties in carrying on the work are a good deal what you find at home. Indifference, moral rather than intellectual infidelity, and of course the opposition of Buddhists. The Unitarians and Universalists have come into the country lately, and by their seeming liberality have hindered rather than helped orthodox Christianity.

STUDENTS' APPOINTMENTS.

The Missionary Society has appointed the students to their several summer fields.

Mr. F. W. Read, B.A., will supply for Rev. Mr. Wood, of Ottawa, and Mr. G. H. Craik for Rev. Mr. Sanderson, of Danville. Rev. Mr. Sykes, Chairman of the Maritime Union, having resigned Economy, N. S., Mr. W. F. Colclough, B.A., has been appointed to this field. Mr. G. Read goes to Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, vacated by Rev. A. Gerrie; Mr. W. S. Pritchard goes to Listowel; Mr. E. O. Grisbrook to New Durham; Mr. D. S. Hamilton to Lake Shore, Ont.; Mr. J. R. Adams to St. Catharines, Ont.; Mr. R. Adams to Hawkesbury, Ont.; Mr. R. O. Ross to Tilbury, Ont.; Mr. A. Robertson to Canifon, Ont.; Mr. Donaldson to Woodstock, N. B.; Mr. Baker to Canaan, Vt.; Mr. A. Macdonald to Ayer's Flat, P. Q.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The annual convocation of the College was held on Thursday evening, April 9th. Mr. G. Hague, Chairman of the College Board, presided.

After devotional exercises Mr. Hague made a short address, speaking of the prosperity of the College, which was now greater than ever, and exhorting the students to remember that their education was by no means finished when their college course ended. He also paid a tribute to the character and ability of Principal Dr. Barbour. Dr. Barbour next spoke, instancing a few of a principal's duties. Of the prosperity of the

College much might be said. He had begun the work with a class of three; now the class numbered thirteen. He had never had a class more interested in their work. He had been a professor at Bangor College and at Yale. The students here received the same instruction as in those Colleges, and there were those in the present class who could be pitted against Yale men and beat them in scholarship, accuracy and application. He had closed no year's work with so much satisfaction as the present one.

The names of two benefactors of the College, Mr. Hague and Mr. Clarke, of Toronto, were greeted with applause.

Rev. E. M. Hill, M.A., of Calvary Church, delivered the closing address, his subject being, "The Importance of the country church." The man who took hold of a country church and was perpetually longing for a city charge, with a higher place, would not count for much. City sermons preached in country churches were not productive of the largest results. In his five months' vacation a student must preach sermons that would not be forgotten during the following seven months, when the country people would be without a pastor. A forcible sermon in a country church put the idea of Africa into the mind of Livingstone. The world to-day thanks the minister who preached it. The whole character of the country depended upon the action of the Church in supplying the new centres of population with religion. So the student's lot was a responsible one.

"God be with you Till We Meet Again," was sung.

The results of examinations this year were very satisfactory. The great majority of the men were in the first class. The Cornish Gold Medal was awarded to Mr. W. T. Gunn, and with it the second year (Robert Anderson) prize of \$30. In the first year the prize (Robert Anderson), of \$20, was equally divided between Messrs. R. O. Ross and G. Read. The Junior Medal was awarded to Mr. Read and the Student's Medal to Mr. Ross. These medals are to be given again next year.

NOTES.

Mr. G. H. Craik has been appointed editor of the column for the summer months.

At a special meeting of the students, votes of thanks were accorded to Drs. Gurd and Wanless for medical attendance during past session.

Steps have been taken to procure a Missionary Map of the World. We expect to have it adorning our common room, next session.

It has been a custom during past vacations to observe seven to eight o'clock on Saturday evening as an hour of prayer for one another. Let us not forget to attend to this blessed duty.