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Our Local Note Book.

AS the winter holidays are now at hand the JOURNAL, with striking originality, wishes professors, students and graduates a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It also presents the compliments of the season to its many and long-suffering readers outside the college precincts.

We have already said that our calendar has been greatly improved. There are still, however, two defects in it that we would like to see remedied. 1st. "The College Calendar for the Academic Year" is not in tabular form as it was in '73-4, or as the McGill calendar now is. 2nd. The examination papers are not printed in the end of the pamphlet, nor in fact in any part of it. The authorities would do well to consider the advisability of making alterations in both respects. It would also be a good idea to attach dates to the graduates' names, and addresses to those of the students.

MR. D. T. FRASER is busily engaged in preparing with mathematical precision a set of charts for the permanent

use of our students, illustrating his address on the "Progress of Christianity." The gift is most acceptable, and we vouch for it being highly appreciated.

OUR French students have been appearing before the public as candidates for musical renown. At one of the Anniversary Missionary meetings last month they sang a selection of *cantiques français*, acquitting themselves in a very creditable manner indeed. The English students must look to their laurels!

THE name of G. J. Airsley Thompson, (Arts) Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, was inadvertently omitted from our list of new students in our last number.

SOMETHING *must* be done to keep those irrepressible freshmen in their proper place. Matters are now becoming serious, for one of them actually insinuated that Carsley's advertisement in the JOURNAL might lead outsiders to suppose that we students are so many "kid-gloved gentry!" Seniors, to arms!!!

THAT the Philosophical and Literary Society is proving eminently successful this winter is manifest from the fact that at one of its meetings last month nearly *forty* members were in attendance. The Society has recently taken in its own hands the awarding of its prizes, which were formerly awarded by the faculty. We doubt the wisdom of this step.

THE Glee Club has at last been formed, and is now in full blast. Considering that the examinations in Arts were fast approaching when it was organized the attendance has been very encouraging.

We trust that after the holidays *every* student, resident and non-resident, will make it a point to be present at the Glee Club's meetings which only last one hour per week. Let us prepare a musical feast of surpassing grandeur for the opening of the David Morrice Hall, which, judging from present appearances, will be at the beginning of next session. Our efforts must be unusually brilliant to harmonize with our new surroundings.

W. T. HERRIDGE, B.A., '83, is a frequent contributor of poetry to the *Canadian Monthly*. His "Christmas Reverie," in the current number, might easily be mistaken