

## Our Local Note Book.

THERE must surely be musical talent lurking somewhere within our walls, but so far this winter it has not manifested itself to any noticeable extent. The college choir has not yet been organized. Awake, ye warbling minstrels, awake!

THE young people of *Laguerre* showed their appreciation of our fellow-student, J. P. Grant, '84, by presenting him with a beautiful gold watch, on his departing from them to resume his studies at college.

A. YORK, at one time a student of this seminary, is now, we understand, a clerk in the Post-office in Winnipeg. John Reid is also teaching in that flourishing city.

D. G. CAMERON, A. SCRINGER and WM. FRASER, occupied fields last summer in the Great Lone Land—they all return with glowing accounts, and pretty well satisfied with the country. Mr. Cameron had his finances handsomely augmented by the people of Mountain City, who accompanied their gift with an extensive address.

R. GAMBLE, B. A., '84 was the recipient of a very neat and serviceable dressing-case from the congregation at Curry Hill, Ont.

WE have had much pleasure in perusing an able and interesting essay on "The Utica Slate Formation" by H. M. Ami, B. A. This paper was read last winter before the Montreal Natural History Society and the Ottawa Field Naturalist's Club, and is now reprinted in pamphlet form from the latter Club's report.

THERE has been a picture on exhibition in Molson Hall which has attracted much admiration. It is by A. C. Hutchison, Esq., our Lecturer in Ecclesiastical Architecture, and was painted in order to obtain his diploma from the Royal Society. The subject is a perspective of future buildings for McGill University, on a harmonious plan with that magnificent temple of science, the Redpath Museum, of which he is the architect. As a work of art the picture displays considerable merit and ingenuity. May this noble structure which draws forth so much admiration when seen on paper, become a reality not many years hence!

THE theologues as a class do not indulge in athletics to excess. A game of base ball after breakfast on favourable mornings, an occasional tug of war, and a good brisk walk, constitute the most violent exercise taken.

OUR students were disqualified to participate in the McGill sports this year on the ground that they do not contribute to the funds of the association. Notwithstanding this, Messrs. McFarlane and Kinnear, who are in the Arts Faculty, nobly upheld the honour of the "Presbyterian College," the former gentleman carrying off four prizes.

"THE people of Avoca," says the *Canada Presbyterian*, "have paid Mr. W. D. Roberts, their student missionary for the summer, \$275 more than the amount actually needed to cover expenses; thus showing their apprecia-

tion of his services. Forty new communicants were added to the roll at last communion. The Presbytery value highly Mr. Roberts' labours; also the labours there of Mr. J. P. Grant during the previous summer."

WHEN J. C. Martin, was leaving Chambly (one part of his mission field) he was given an enthusiastic entertainment, and presented with an acceptable gift with a very flattering and encouraging address. The report he presented to the Students' Missionary Society, under the auspices of which he laboured, was quite a literary effort and reflected much credit upon his scholarship and zeal.

J. C. CAMPBELL, who laboured at Onslow, Ontario, also received an address and present in money.

D. McRAE, 1st year Art, carried off an exhibition to the amount of \$100 at the examinations in September.

J. McLAREN, lecturer in sacred music, last summer visited Scotland, the land of his birth, and returned fully realizing what it is to be nearly "killed by the kindness of friends." We note that he is the Secretary elect of the Montreal Caledonian Society.

WE copy the following from the *Presbyterian Record*:—"The students of Knox, Queen's and Montreal Colleges, in number about a dozen, have now returned from Manitoba to go on with their studies. They have done excellent service. The kindest wishes of the Presbytery (of Manitoba) go with them in their studies. No doubt when through their course most of them will turn their eyes north-westward." We hope so.

AFTER this issue the present writer closes his dingy "Local Note Book" and hands it over to better hands. This step was practically decided upon last April, when the second volume was completed. It was only at the last moment and much against his better judgment that he consented to serve again this session. For many weighty reasons he feels it now his duty to retire. Though his name will not appear on the editorial staff he shall still continue to be a sincere and willing supporter of the JOURNAL behind the scenes, and will ever regard its future career with paternal interest.—*Vale, vale, vale!*

## Alumni.

IT is a matter of considerable difficulty to obtain information for this column, and we should like to see carried out the suggestion offered by last session's managing editor, *viz.*, that those graduates who are members of the same Presbytery appoint one of their number to correspond with the editorial committee.

I. P. BRUNEAU, '82, is taking a partial course at McGill College this winter. On leaving his mission field he was made the recipient of an address accompanied by a substantial present in money from the English speaking portion of the congregation at Masham, where he was labouring during the summer.

REV. J. REID, B. A., '81, arrived in the city from Scotland last June, and immediately proceeded to Bay City,