

people among the Jews, owing to the neglect of their intellectual and moral culture at the hands of their superiors, were unable to read or write. And all students are able to appreciate the difference between a field of labor where the education of the people has been attended to, and one into which the schoolmaster has not yet found his way.

OUR LOCAL NOTE BOOK.

MR. A. C. Hutchison, R.C.A., commenced his course of lectures in Ecclesiastical Architecture on Monday, October 29th. The popularity and growing fascination of these lectures are sufficient proof that they are enjoyed.

The Rev. A. B. Mackay, Lecturer in Sacred Rhetoric and Elocution, is determined to infuse new life into his department of our discipline. In addition to the Tuesday and Thursday lectures to the entire class, he drills the members of the second year, two at a time, for an hour each week. Those who have heard Mr. Mackay reading agree that he himself is a model in that art.

A post-box has been placed in the main corridor near the court entrance, and is visited daily at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. by the mail carrier. The grateful seniors have found this a rare and convenient boon, but the insatiable freshman has been overheard bitterly bewailing the undue narrowness of the apertures. Nice, lengthy, perfumed epistles get badly creased, you know!

The multiplicity of private societies among the students is a thing to be wondered at, especially in these days of "overwork." Not long ago, a truly mysterious document was posted in close proximity to certain dormitories renowned for all-pervasive quiet. The document set forth in the pompous ambiguity of doubtful Latin, and still more doubtful Hebrew, Italian, Gaelic, Greek, Spanish, German and French, the constitution of a *Societas Sodalium*. The last section, in graceful English, bids all the members attend a prayer meeting every Saturday evening directly after tea.

A very desirable addition has been made to the files of papers in the reading room by the weekly visit of *L'Aurore*. This little sheet has certainly received an impulse in the direction of improvement since feeling the magic touch of our former French editor, Rev. A. B. Cruchet.

Mr. J. C. Campbell has reached California in safety, and commenced his studies at the San Francisco Presbyterian College. He is an old friend of the JOURNAL, and we are expecting an article from him soon.

The 43rd session of Queen's College, Kingston, was opened by an address by Principal Grant. The first session of the Female Medical College in that city has commenced under favorable auspices and encouraging prospects, and its application for affiliation with the University is now before the Board of Trustees. The number of young ladies in attendance exceeds what was expected. The professors are paid for their services independently of fees, and three scholarships are provided and more expected. It is well known that a similar institution has been set on foot in Toronto, and the next development will probably be a Montreal F. M. C. Why not?

The Gilchrist Scholar this year is Mr. H. Graham Creelman, of Upper Stewiacke, Nova Scotia. He gra-

duated from Dalhousie College in 1881 as gold medalist in mathematics and physics, and has now gone to London to prosecute there his studies in these sciences. The value of his scholarship is £100 annually, tenable for three years. One of the conditions requisite for holding it is that the candidate must be under twenty-two years of age. Should not some similar condition be attached to the Morrice Travelling Fellowship awarded in this college? Allowing three years for the complete course in theology, twenty-five years would be in reasonable proportion as a limit to the age at which any candidate should be allowed to hold this prize.

The public celebration of the fourth centennial of Martin Luther's birth, held in Emmanuel Church on Monday evening, 12th instant, was a grand success. Among the speakers was Professor Campbell, M.A., who delivered a learned address on "Luther's Associates and Helpers."

On leaving his field at Grand Falls, N.B., where he labored during the past vacation, Mr. E. F. Seylaz received an address appropriately expressive of the appreciation in which his services were held by the congregation in that place. Mrs. Seylaz was made the recipient of a purse, containing \$62, in recognition of her valuable assistance to her husband, and in token of the respect, esteem and love borne to both of them by their flock.

Principal Macvicar made a run South as far as Nashville, Tennessee, to attend a meeting on the 30th, of the International Bible Lesson Committee, of which he is a member. The lessons proposed by them are now used by over 6,000,000 pupils in all parts of the world. The Committee will hold its next meeting in Montreal, on the 21st February, 1884, when we expect the Rev. Dr. Palmer, of New Orleans, to deliver in our Hall one of the series of lectures on questions of the day.

The following is the programme of Lectures on Questions of the Day delivered in the David Morrice Hall, during the first term, on the afternoon of each Sunday, at three o'clock;—

- Oct. 28—"The Creed of the Agnostic." Rev. J. F. Stevenson, LL.B., D.D.
- Nov. 4th—"Evolution in Morals." Rev. J. S. Black.
- Nov. 11th—"Atheism or Theism—which?" Rev. J. Jenkins, D.D., LL.D.
- Nov. 18th—"The Descent of Man." Rev. Prof. Campbell, M.A.
- Nov. 25th—"The Moral Influence Theory of the Atonement." Rev. Principal Caven, D.D., Knox College, Toronto.
- Dec. 2nd—"The Future State." Rev. J. Edgar Hill, B.D., M.A.
- Dec. 9th—"Science and Prayer." Rev. Principal Macvicar, D.D., LL.D.
- Dec. 16th—"Morality of the Old Testament." Rev. G. H. Wells.

SCRAPS ABOUT GRADUATES.

The Bible classes taught by Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McCrae, of Cobourg, have voted a scholarship of forty dollars per annum to Knox College, Toronto. The Students' Missionary Society of that institution occupied seventeen fields during the past vacation. It is with regret that we learn of the death of Mr. John Brown, a student in the third year of the preparatory course. The deceased labored last summer in the Manitoba field with much diligence and acceptance, and was, we believe, a young man of great promise and earnest devotion.

It is rumored that the Rev. E. F. Torrance, M.A., '74, of St. Paul's, Peterboro, is favorably spoken of by the members of St. James's Square, Toronto, as successor to Rev. Dr. King, now principal of Manitoba College.