

stretch of imagination to be an hotel, by reclining his emaciated form upon a downy wooden bench, with his feet in an adjacent wood box, gazing intelligently at the cob-webbed ceiling, waiting for the C.P.R., for a wonder escaping night-mare during the whole transaction. After experiencing other pleasant vicissitudes our student perches himself on the classic heights of a coal-oil barrel and surveys peacefully a young man coolly sitting beside a young lady in the front seat of the sleigh. He reaches home. In due course he attacks turkey. Curtain drops!

"PERIPATETIC."

Our Local Note Book.

THE oppressive reign of the calm and silence of vacation has been disturbed and cut short by the return of nearly all the students. The college once more takes on its wonted air of activity. The incidents of the past term are forgotten, and the mind's eye is turned forebodingly towards a well-defined point of time not far hence. Elaborate plans of attack and defence are laid for the spring campaign. Every student resolves that in the encounter he will not come off second best.

A PLEASANT meeting was spent by some of the students on the eve of breaking up. A supper, enlivened with songs, speeches and humorous recitations, was the occasion of much enjoyment.

ABOUT a dozen students remained in the building during the holidays. They have all reasoned themselves into a belief that they have had a good time. We would urge those who have been home or in the Mission field not to shake this belief by the recital of marvellous stories of adventure or of superhuman esurient feats.

A FEW days ago we had the pleasure of a call from Mr. H. M. Ami, B. A. He has a good situation in the Geological Survey at Ottawa and evidently likes the work.

AT a recent debate in Crescent Street Church, Mr. R. Stirling, B.A., and Mr. J. H. Macvicar argued in favor of spelling reform. The audience decided that "Fo'netik speleng shu'd be adopted in dhe Ingglish Langgwej."

ON Saturday, Dec. 16th, the college was honored by a visit from Lady Macdonald, accompanied by M. H. Gault, Esq., M. P., and Mrs. Gault. They were received and shown through the building by the Chairman of the Board, the Principal and the Dean of Residence. Lady Macdonald expressed her admiration of the David Morrice Hall, Library, and the entire equipments of the institution.

AN esteemed contemporary, speaking of the Hall, has the following: "The only criticism that can be passed on the appointments of the building is, that the experience of so much comfort, and even luxury, by the students during their College course may unfit them for 'roughing it in the bush' in their subsequent professional career." This is a contingency which our benefactors have not foreseen. We could suggest how the above tendency, if it does exist, may be prevented, but we refrain. Each one must decide for himself what course of self-discipline to adopt. It might be well, however, to make a beginning by getting up every morning on the first ringing of the bell.

THE hymn written by the Principal and sung at the

opening of the Morrice Hall, has been slightly modified and set to the tune St. Agnes, Durham. Why not have it introduced into the Hymnal of the Church?

PROF. CAMPBELL is to give a course of ten lectures to the Ladies' Educational Association of this city. Their excellence is guaranteed by the subject chosen, viz., "American History,—Mexico, Peru, and the Spanish Main."

THE St. Joseph Street Presbyterian Church have extended a call to the Rev. T. Cumming, Stellarton, N.S.

MR. W. OGILVIE, B.A., is at present teaching in Brighton High School. He was in the city a short time ago and called around to see his student friends. We believe it is his intention to attend the lectures next Session.

THE 'reverend signiors' of Montreal Presbytery, at the invitation of Mr. D. Morrice, have decided to change the scene of their grave deliberations from St. Paul's Church to the College. Whether this move will affect certain examinations remains yet to be seen.

THE Senate has approved of the proposal to have a service, in the Convocation Hall, every Sabbath afternoon at 4.15. The leading divines of the Church will be heard on these occasions.

THE lectures in Sacred Music have begun under the efficient leadership of Mr. J. MacLaren.

THE Monday discourses are to be superseded by a course of lectures on Pastoral Theology. We are sure the wide experience and observation of the Rev. Dr. Jenkins will make these lectures practical, instructive and entertaining.

IT seems there are thirty-two vacant pulpits in the Presbyterian Church, in the Maritime Provinces. Add to these the number of pulpits rendered vacant in the other parts of the Dominion, by the death, retirement and removal of ministers, and the number of ministerial charges added yearly to the roll of the Church. Contrast with this the fact that the number of third year students in our five Theological Colleges at the present time, according to the *Record*, is under twenty-five. In view of this state of things, how absurd is the cry heard in some quarters, that the ministry is overstocked.

Our Graduates.

A FEW graduates have responded to the appeal made in the last number of the Journal. We expect to hear from others. One way in which the alumni can show their esteem for Alma Mater, is by recognizing the claims of the Journal to their support.

REV. G. BURNFIELD, M.A., B.D., who recently visited the Orient, has been delighting large audiences at Brockville and Ottawa, by his lectures on Egypt and its wonders.

ARCHIBALD, Manitoba, is evidently a suitable sphere for the Rev. J. A. Townsend. Last month he was presented with an address by the congregation expressive of their esteem, as was shown by the gift of a fine fur coat.

REV. J. WELLWOOD, B.A., in addition to his ministerial duties, has charge of an Observatory recently established at Minnedosa, N. W. T.

REV. J. K. BAILLIE has met with a very hearty reception in Osnabruck, where he was inducted on the 15th of Nov. He enters on his work with every prospect of success.

THE Presbyterian Church, Coburg, of which Rev. D. L.