

Our Societies.

MISSIONARY.—The last Missionary meeting of the year was held in College Hall on Sunday evening, December 13th. W. N. Hutchins, '91, read a paper on City Missions. Miss Freeze of the Seminary discussed Mission work in Mexico. The address of the evening was given by Pastor J. Clark, of Antigonish, who took as his subject "The Soul's need of Christ" as suggested by the hymn, "I need Thee every hour." The thanks of the society is heartily tendered to Mr. Clark for his excellent address.

Y. M. C. A.—The regular meetings throughout the year have been well attended and interesting. Rev. F. M. Young, Ph. B., of Bridgetown, addressed the last monthly Gospel meeting. His words of inspiration and encouragement were well received by the students. The sum of \$40.00 has just been raised by the society to be divided between the Inter-Collegiate Executive, and the executive of the local associations in the Maritime Provinces for the support of the present travelling secretary. The experience of this society goes to show that when an effort is made toward the advancement of any laudable scheme, the money will be forthcoming.

LITERARY.—Much of the time of the Athenæum society was devoted during the last month to the discussion of important business. On the 5th ult., the resolution that Canada should elect her own Governor-general, elicited a free and vigorous discussion participated in by a large number. The loyalty of the students to the existing order of things was unmistakably apparent when the question was called. E. A. Read filled the important office of president with marked ability during the term just closed.

The latest organization at Acadia is the Propylæan society. The object seems to be not severance from the Athenæum, but the general improvement of the fair members of our college. The officers and committees are not yet announced. The brother society is glad to hear of your existence, Propylæan, and bespeaks for you a prosperous career.

Personals.

T. H. Rand, B. A., '60, D. C. L., '74, has been appointed chairman of the Arts Faculty of McMaster University. Although Dr. Rand has graduated from no other institution than Acadia, he stands in the front rank of scholars and educationists of the day. He filled with marked ability the office of Superintendent of Education both in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and much of the efficiency of the common school systems of those provinces is due to his work. During the past

two years Dr. Rand has visited the great universities of England and Europe studying their systems. In addition to his own marked ability, he thus brings to his new position a careful study of the world's greatest educational institutions. Upon the opening of the Arts department at McMaster, Dr. Rand delivered the inaugural address.

E. M. Chesley, M. A., '83, upon completing an advanced Theological course at a Seminary in Bangor, Me., was appointed to a professorship in Meadville Theological Seminary, Meadville, Pa. This institution is fortunate in securing Mr. Chesley. He is one of Acadia's most scholarly sons and brings to his new position the result of many years' teaching in important schools both in Nova Scotia and Massachusetts.

Rev. W. H. Warren, M. A., '74, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Parrsboro' Baptist Church. Friends of Parrsboro, you have a good man.

O. H. Cogswell, B. A., '88, after passing commendable examinations at Montreal and in British Columbia fills with satisfaction a position as teacher in one of the popular schools of British Columbia.

C. S. Lyons, B. A., '89, teaches in Manitoba.

Miss Blanche Bishop, B. A., '86, after studying two years in Berlin, teaches Modern Languages in Moulton Ladies' College, a branch of McMaster University.

Rev. S. McCully Black, M. A., '85, upon the resignation of Dr. Goodspeed, was chosen Editor of *The Messenger and Visitor*. Mr. Black had a hard man to follow, but is proving himself fully equal to the task.

J. E. Tiner, who studied two years with the class of '91, was recently ordained pastor of the Port Hillford Baptist Church, Guysboro Co., N. S. Since that event he has entered upon a life course in another school. '91 sends congratulations.

J. Edgar Wood, who studied last year with the class of '93, has joined the Sophomore class at Mt. Allison.

Rev. D. A. Steele, M. A., '68, has just completed the twenty-third year of his pastorate at Amherst. The Amherst Baptist Church evidently know when they have the right man, and know how to keep him.

John L. Masters, '91, was awarded second prize by the Ottawa Debating Society, for an essay on a political subject. Mr. M. wrote on "The Future Destiny of Canada." He was second among 562 competitors, with first mention for his outline. Shake, John.

When this issue appears, Mr. Harry N. Shaw, Instructor in Elocution, will probably have added to himself a better half. The happy event was arranged for Jan'y 1; and the young lady of his choice is Miss Ella Chipman, of Berwick, who graduated from Acadia Seminary last June. The ATHENÆUM extends congratulations.

ERRATUM.—The personal in our last issue referring to Mr. F. H. Knapp, should read that he had decided to enter the Ministry, not the "University."