

Back numbers of newspapers will be presented for them to verify or contradict statements made therein. In return stories of hairbreadth escapes from infection will be related. They will be able to testify to the benefit of living in Montreal for the cultivation of a courageous, enthusiastic and patriotic spirit. For have we not of late discussed the interests of our country? Is it not but a very short time since our students acted as the physical defenders of our faith in the Chiniquy riots? And if present health continues they will be able to speak of gratitude to Him who has preserved them from a disease which is loathsome in the extreme.

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They will return to their homes, perhaps a little pale and thin, though having sat for the most of the term at the square table. No doubt rest will be prescribed. This end, eminent men and the experience of those not so eminent, declare is best obtained by a change. Some will doubtless preach occasionally. Let them then embrace the opportunity of pressing the claims of our Missionary Society; others will not, but, with the same object in view, they may conduct a quiet canvass among friends.

The News Committee may gather material for a few interesting papers to be read in the coming term;—all may be on the watch for calls from places destitute of Gospel services, which may be repeated before the Society.

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If this be a season of relaxation to

all, questions which are likely soon to come up for discussion might, to use a political phrase, "receive our most serious consideration," such as: 'The care of our reading room,' 'The nature of our public meetings,' 'The improvement of our literary entertainments,' and other matters of common interest which may have been suggested to the mind.

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Christmas time is regarded as a special season of pleasure. The rebound from the monotony of college life will tend to be very great. In the exuberance of our spirits, and carried away by surroundings, we may fail to maintain that close connection with Christ which we all should. Our personal influence will be thereby weakened; the Spirit of God will be grieved; and positive loss suffered by us. But sustaining communion with Him, living near Him by the help of the Spirit, at the close of our season of release from study we shall have no aching void, no vain regrets, no grieving over hurtful influence. But we shall have the testimony of a good conscience to give peace.

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A short time ago the Editorial Staff sat for a group photograph. Now that there is a Journal office, we hope that its walls may be decorated with the portraits of those who, in future, will conduct this commendable college enterprise. Readers will not confound what is here written with some other mention of photographs in this issue. It is the portraits of