

CHEERING news comes from Farnham Centre, Que, where Rev. A. H. McFarlane '80, is settled. The Ladies Aid Society have realized \$35 with which to furnish the Church. During the last three weeks of January a series of Evangelistic meetings were held which resulted in much good. The congregations are steadily increasing in numbers and show a pleasing measure of unity of feeling and christian activity.

Reports.

MONDAY MEETINGS.

I. *January 17, 2 p.m.*—Present: Principal Macvicar, Professors Campbell, Coussirat, Scrimger, and a full attendance of students. After devotional exercises the Principal made a few remarks, in the course of which he urged the propriety of ministers and students, as well as the people, keeping themselves thoroughly informed on the work of the Church, and in living sympathy with all that she undertakes. He then showed the plans of the David Morrice Halls, which were received with cheers. As the new buildings will be noticed elsewhere in the JOURNAL, we refrain here from further remarks.

II. *January 24, 3 p.m.*—The usual lecture was given by Prof. Scrimger

Subject:—The Bible and how to use it. He briefly and pointedly showed that the Bible is the only *Rule of Faith and Manners*; that we should use it *Reverently*; and *Fairly*, for the purpose of settling our Creed—as a basis for Teaching—for devotional Exercise; and, last, that we should make ourselves *Familiar* with it.

The remainder of the hour was occupied with remarks by Profs. Coussirat, Campbell, and Principal Macvicar.

III. *January 31st, 4 p.m.*—Professor Campbell delivered the usual lecture. Subject, "When to be silent." The Professor, in his wonted happy style, gave the following hints, illustrating them by an array of pointed incidents.

Be silent:—

- (1) When health demands it.
- (2) When speaking would aggravate another.
- (3) In discussions which cannot lead to conviction.
- (4) Before people whom you cannot trust.
- (5) Regarding any injury done to yourself.
- (6) In regard to what you do not know.
- (7) Regarding any problem which you have partly worked out.
- (8) About anything that can not be helped.
- (9) In regard to congregational disputes (generally)
- (10) In order that you may know how to speak.
- (11) During emotional excitement.
- (12) When questions of curiosity are asked.
- (13) Regarding the shame of others.
- (14) Under the chastisement of God.

(15). In the time of great bereavement.

The remaining few minutes were occupied by remarks from Professors Scrimger and Coussirat. Dr. McAnish, the latest addition to our staff, being present, was introduced amid loud cheering.

Philosophical and Literary Society.

THE 4th regular meeting this session was held on the evening of Friday, Jan. 28th. The programme was unusually full and interesting. It comprised a reading by Mr. J. Grant, music by the choir, an essay on "The Issues of Life," by Mr. Jas. Robertson, a solo by Mr. S. A. Thomas, and a debate on the question, "Is the power of the pulpit on the decline?" The speakers on the affirmative were Messrs. R. Hyde and W. D. Roberts; on the negative, Messrs. J. Allard and W. K. Shearer. The discussion was lively and called forth loud and repeated applause. A vote being taken, the Society decided in favour of the negative. After the debate, Mr. Jas. Robertson rendered two "auld Scotch songs."

The next meeting of the Society will be open to the public. The subject for debate will be, "Are the Inconsistencies of professing christians a greater source of evil to the Church than Infidelity?"

Students' Missionary Society.

THE regular monthly meeting was held on Friday evening, January 21st, and opened with devotional exercises. Mr. John Campbell was duly elected a member of the Society. Mr. James Robertson read an interesting report of the new Committee on Foreign Missions. The following are some of the items contained in it:—The first Presbyterian congregation in British Columbia was organized in Victoria, in 1860. The Presbytery was organized in 1875, in connection with the Established Church of Scotland, and at present consists of the following ministers with their representative elders: Mr. McGregor, of Victoria; Mr. Clyde, of Nanaimo; Mr. McElmon, of Comox; Mr. Jamieson, of New Westminster; Mr. Dun, of Langley. There is only one vacant charge, that at Nichola. The Methodists commenced work in the province in 1859, and have now 13 congregations with pastors, and several mission stations. The planting of the Church of England on the coast dates as far back as 1836; they have now a bishop, 13 clergy and several missionaries. The Baptists built a church in Victoria in 1877, which has since been closed.