

OF course everybody is anxious to know what book to get against the New Year, for Sabbath-school work. Of the literary torrent that has deluged the market with such works, two are especially good. Vincent's "Lesson Commentary on the International Lessons" for 1882, carefully marked "Non-Sectarian," and Peloubets' "Select Notes on the International Sabbath school Lesson" for 1882. Of the two we decidedly prefer the latter, not because Dr. Vincent is a Methodist, and the Messrs. Peloubet are Presbyterians, but because Vincent's notes are a simple Mosaic, a mere stringing of quotations together, without apparently any attempt at organic unity in the treatment of the sections. Peloubets' notes are, to a certain extent, the same, but with this essential difference, that the quotations are along the line of the compiler's own view of each section, as marked by appropriate headings, which makes each lesson homogeneous. We cannot approve of a non-sectarian—that is a theologically colourless commentary. In so far as any Scripture commentary is such, must it lose in thoroughness and power; nor does such a work, from which all moot points are carefully strained out, flatter the author's conception of the Christian intelligence of Sabbath-school teachers. The appearance and form of both works are exceedingly neat and handy. The double-column arrangement, the illustrative matter and the typography generally make Vincent's notes somewhat more attractive to the eye. In Peloubets' notes we think this is more than counterbalanced by the greater amount of material given in the same space. To a conscientious teacher either of these works must prove highly acceptable. Both may be had at the college booksellers', Messrs. W. Drysdale & Co., St. James street, Montreal.

### Our Graduates.

**D**URING the past year fifty-six new members were added to the congregation of Rev. Thomas Nelson, '80. We believe also a new manse was erected by his people, during the course of last summer.

SINCE January last seventy-one members have been added to the Williamstown Church, which is being so efficiently worked by the Rev. John Matheson, B.A., '79. The congregation contributes a scholarship of \$50 this year for our mission schools at Point-aux-Trembles, \$32 of which was received in the plate on Thanksgiving day. Let this good example become contagious.

WE are glad to see that the people of the Rev. G. T. Bayne, '81, have provided for his warmth and comfort when he takes a drive. It is one way of showing their warmth of feeling toward our worthy graduate.

**MANITOBA SAFE!**—Trembling patriots may dismiss their fears of the ruin of Manitoba by the giant monopolies. *Grip* is now sold on the streets of Winnipeg, and goes off livelier than corner lots. For this boon the Prairie City public owe thanks to Messrs. Russell Bros. (Rev. W.

D. Russell), '78, the enterprising news dealers.—*Grip*, Nov. 26th.

It is with unfeigned pleasure we announce that the Rev. M. H. Scott, B.A., '79 is to be married on the 20th inst. We offer him our most hearty congratulations. If Montreal is numbered among the centres of interest which are to be visited during the "nuptial tour," we would remind him that the new offices of the JOURNAL are now added to the leading places of interest usually visited by distinguished tourists.

Two of our graduates were amongst the speakers announced for the French Evangelization evening of the annual Missionary Meetings held last month.

THE Rev. R. Campbell, M.A., of Renfrew, when speaking on Home Missions, bore testimony to the admirable work done during the summer season by the students of our colleges in the Ottawa Mission fields.

GILBERT A. Smith, '81, formerly a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, U. S., was received by last assembly into the like standing in our church.

WHAT a stranger! The Rev. J. McKenzie, '76, of Hampton, Que., revived old memories and made new friends by a visit to the college—the second in six years.

It is pleasing to note—as showing how quickly the Ottawa region is being filled up with our graduates—that when the Rev. G. McKay, '73, was inducted lately to Osgoode, The Rev. J. Munro, B.A., '79, addressed the minister, and the Rev. W. Shearer, '80, the people.

THE Rev. R. S. Livingston, of Russeltown, has been appointed as Missionary to Manitoba; this makes the fifth vacancy in the Chateauguay district. We lately noticed in the *Gleaner*, that the session of North Georgetown congregation held a meeting to consider how much could be raised towards a minister's stipend over \$381, the amount previously given. The membership of this congregation is 401 and 128 families are connected with it.

### The Societies.

**LITERARY AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.**—The fourth ordinary meeting was held on Friday evening, 25th ult.

#### PROGRAMME.

Song—"Far Away,"	-	-	-	Choir.
Reading—"Tell to his native Mountains,"	-	-	-	J. H. Higgins.
Essay—"Pains of Knowledge,"	-	-	-	W. T. Herridge, B.A.
Hymn—"Steal Away,"	-	-	-	Choir.
Debate—"Resolved, that the study of mathematics is a better mental training than the study of classics."				

Colin McKerchar,	} <i>Aff.</i>	D. A. McLean,	} <i>Neq.</i>
W. Fraser.		S. Rondeau.	

This is an attractive bill of fare, but after all it by no means exhibits the merit of the performance. "The prif o' the puddin's the pre'en o't." It was a veritable feast of reason. The debaters strove in the gladiatorial contest with a whole-hearted earnestness, and with such display of rhetorical skill as convinced the assembly the "sons of thunder" were still alive. In announcing the triumph