

THERE has been an earnest looking forward all this month for the arrival of the MONTHLY. The reading room received the exchanges some time ago. "What's the matter with the McMASTER MONTHLY?" has greeted the ears of your correspondents till they have almost been afraid to renew the promises: "It will soon be here, only a few more days." We are glad to see the evident interest taken in it by every boy in the school. All seem to realize that it is *our* monthly, and its appearance is always anticipated with a great degree of pleasure.

THE students for some weeks back have been on the *qui vive* and many anxious glances are cast; the questions are asked with abated breath:—"Will it live?" "Is it thriving?" "Has it passed the critical point?" Oh, yes, it has. It will certainly live, and, judging from the sounds coming through the building, we believe it has come to stay. The College orchestra has been re-organized and it bids fair to develop into a strong healthy infant. In fact, it has been whispered (in confidence, of course) that its prospects are superior to those of similar enterprises of previous years.

THE members of the Judson Missionary Society were treated to a rare lecture on mission work by the Rev. W. Tapscott, at the regular meeting of the society last month. He urged the students to let their lives flow out freely to others, and, as an argument, proved that our lives would be like the flowing fountain, increasing in volume and strength as it neared the sea. He also dwelt on the reflex action of mission work, how we were benefited individually and collectively, and in no other respect more than financially. We are sorry to lose Mr. Tapscott from Woodstock; may his labors be even more blessed on his new field at Niagara.

THANKSGIVING day was one full of delights to us. In the morning, thanksgiving exercises were held in place of the regular chapel service, into which the students entered with much earnestness. Rev. Mr. Spencer, of St. Thomas, in response to an invitation from the Judson Missionary Society, delivered an instructive lecture to the students and the congregation of the First Baptist Church. He outlined his subject, "Duty and Privilege in relation to the world about us," in a very clear manner. He showed the necessity of a clear Christian testimony on the part of God's children, and gave examples of its power over those with whom we come into contact.

ON Thanksgiving evening, through the admirable forethought of our worthy Principal and wife, the students were invited to meet them in the College reception rooms. They were agreeably surprised to find that an equal number of ladies had also been invited for the occasion. The host and hostess soon had all engaged in various amusements, and the two hours passed away only too quickly. The guests were then ushered into the spacious dining-hall, where good viands were well discussed for half-an-hour. A short programme was then rendered in the chapel-hall, to the appreciation of all. The boys settled down to work again next morning, feeling that their very prosaic system of life had been turned into pleasant channels indeed.