

The students desire to express their heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Webb, of Garafraxa, and the bereaved family, in the sad loss they have sustained. Some of us had the pleasure of meeting the brother departed, and for a brief time enjoying his company. We therefore feel we can, in a measure, enter unto intelligent sympathy with these who knew and loved him as husband and father.

Save of our number who attended the installation service of Rev. Thos. Hall, at Point St. Charles, Montreal, were deeply interested in the conduct of the proceedings of the Council. It was thought to be a good object-lesson; and Dr. Jackson will be interested to learn that the students in question feel more than repaid by the long walk, and the absence from their studies; because they acquired much practical knowledge about the working of church Councils; which subject, for want of time, the Doctor was not able to deal with fully. "I wouldn't have missed it for anything. As good as three or four lectures," said one. Messrs. G. E. Read and F. J. Day, assisted in the musical part of the evening entertainment, after Mr. Hall's induction.

We have to say with much satisfaction, "Thank you very much," for another barrel of nice apples. This time to Mr. Craik, of Franklin Centre.

We learn through Mr. Pritchard that the Rev. Alex. McLeod, a graduate of class '87 of this college, and subsequently a B.D. of Oberlin, and B.A. of Columbia College, has received a call to Camp Memorial Congregational church, on Christy Street, New York City. The press speaks of him as being well qualified for that large and important field. We wish our alumnus and brother God-speed in his new and responsible work for the Master.

It gives us no less pleasure to hear of the success that is attending the work of Rev. W. N. Bessey, now of Acton, Mass. Mr. Bessey is about to organize another church in his field. A fine new building will be erected, for which purpose eight thousand dollars have already been subscribed.

Examinations are too near to allow of social indulgence, and we had to forego the pleasure of being at the recent Zion church "Social," which took place to signalize the opening of the new basement extension. Through the thoughtfulness of some kind hearts, however, we did have a share of the "spoils," if not in the intellectual pleasures of the hour. A basket was sent to the College next day. Thank you again! More for the kindness than the cakes, though they were worth many thanks, judging by the relish with which they were disposed of.

It will be too late to say "A Merry Xmas!" to our friends and readers by the time this is in print. We wish it, however; and we do say very heartily, "A Happy New Year." A happy and prosperous new year to the kind and true Christian friends we have made during our summer's work, to whom our thoughts often turn in thankful remembrance. The same wish to the churches we have ministered to in the gospel, for whose welfare we pray, and in whose prayers we would ask an interest. Likewise to the Christian Endeavor Societies. May the coming year be characterized by a renewed loyalty and consecration to our common Lord and Master!

And don't forget the INDEPENDENT! Let it have a share of your loyalty for 1892, and ever afterwards. The editor needs it, and the churches need it; and, if it be a means of helping His cause, the Master needs it.

Surely, surely, it is worth the while to be sufficiently interested in our own denominational organ to at least keep it out of debt. The benefit derived by intelligent perusal of it is worth infinitely more than the dollar a year, which can be easily afforded by large numbers of our church membership which do not subscribe for it. Regular contributions to its pages by those who have ability to write pleasingly, helpfully and thoughtfully, would also, we are sure, be hailed with delight by the Editor; and would be another means of helping directly in a cause which we profess to have at heart, and would do the helpers more good than they imagine.

"To write some earnest verse or line,  
Which, seeking not the praise of art,  
Shall make a clearer faith and manhood shine  
In the untutored heart."

"He who doth this, in verse or prose,  
May be forgotten in his day,  
But surely shall be crowned at last with those  
Who live and speak for aye."

All of which is well worth thinking about and acting upon.

The College Column Editors are going to try and make the column as interesting as possible. They propose, with the permission of Mr. Smith, to insert brief sketches of the college life, and present location and work of the men who have graduated since Principal Barbour's arrival among us.

#### OUR MISSIONARY ALUMNI.

Mr. Currie's home-coming will be looked forward to by us with great interest. Though but one or two of us know him personally, yet we feel we do—he is one of us. We hope to see him at the College, and shall extend him our heartiest welcome.