

boys each year. Are you a father? Have you given your share to keep up the supply for this great public institution that is helping to pay your taxes and kindly electing public officials for you? Have you contributed a boy? If not, some other family has had to give more than its share. Are you selfish, voting to keep the saloon open to grind up boys, and then doing nothing to keep up the supply?

"Is it a mission headache or a temperance headache?" I heard asked of a weary looking young woman, who, in addition to church and Sunday school work, was actively engaged in three different societies.

"This has happened too often," was the reply, as she laid her throbbing head upon the pillow. "It is very well to send the Gospel to the heathen, and to help the cause of temperance in our own town. It is work that needs to be done; but what right have I to do more of it than I have strength for? What right have I to exhaust my nervous energy in such ways, and leave but the dregs of myself for the home?"

The saying, "Charity begins at home," seems almost to have lost its force in some families. One would think it began anywhere else, and never found time to reach the home. This is an age of clubs. Suppose we have one more—the Stay-at-Home Club, to meet at least once a week, and with music, games, and reading, provide some entertainment for every member of the family circle!

"If a community of both sexes, whose progenitors were finely formed and powerful, were to be trained to the early practice of smoking, and if marriage were confined to the smokers, an apparently new and physically inferior race of men and women would be bred up."—*Dr. W. B. Richardson.*

"Dear sisters, our field is the world, every brain an open furrow, every word a seed sown for the coming harvest."—*Miss Willard.*

Woman's Board.

We are glad to report the formation of three new societies in Quebec Province. In January, Mrs. Hurd, of Sherbrooke, helped to organize an Auxiliary in Lennoxville, Mr. Abbott being elected President.

During the winter an Auxiliary was formed in Stanstead, which is working hopefully. Since then, the young ladies of Sherbrooke church have banded together, and, under Mrs. Hurd's leadership, have joined our company. Are there not more who will follow their example? H. W.

Our College Column.

Mr. W. J. Watt has received an unanimous call to the pastorate of the church at Franklin Centre, Que. He has not yet given his decision.

Mr. H. Pedley, B.A., is in communication with the authorities of the A. B. C. F. M., with a view to his location in Japan.

Mr. D. Hamilton visited friends in Toronto, during the Christmas vacation.

Mr. H. C. Mason, B.A., has received a call to the pastorate of the Georgetown church. As he has to make a choice between fields, his answer is delayed for a short time.

Mr. F. W. Macallum, B.A., expects to spend a session in one of the American colleges, preparatory to his going to foreign work.

Mr. W. J. Watt has been asked to preach in Zion church, Montreal, till the end of the present college session.

Mr. W. Lee expects to leave for Africa this year, under the auspices of the A. B. C. F. M.

Mr. Swanson was preaching in Kingston and Coldsprings during the Christmas vacation.

Mr. J. Austin is in communication with the A. B. C. F. M., relative to foreign work.

We are glad to hear that Miss Pigott's sister is out of danger, and we hope to see our matron back with us before long.

Messrs. Lee and Pedley spent part of the Christmas vacation at Cobourg. While there they gave addresses on the work in foreign lands; and judging by the interest displayed on the part of the audience, the missionary zeal of the Cobourg people is not yet on the decline.

Five students—Messrs. Mason, Craik, Reid, Pritchard and Colclough—spent a very pleasant Christmas vacation among the good people of the Congregational Church, Franklin Centre, P. Q. The writer would add his testimony to that of his fellow-students, that too high a tribute cannot be paid to the friends there, for the hearty welcome and generous treatment accorded to us. We had—in familiar phraseology—a "real good time." However, although Pleasure seemed to have Work by the throat, we were not altogether idle. On Thursday, Jan. 3rd, a most enjoyable and successful Social was held in the Town Hall, in which the students took part, and which netted over \$30. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the spirit of Christian reciprocity manifested, our chairman being a leading Episcopalian. Again, the pulpit was supplied by the students; and on the last