

THE Rev. J. J. Baker, M.A., and Rev. E. D. Sherman, visited the college a few days ago. It is always gratifying to the students to meet those who are in the actual work of the ministry. We have also been gladdened by the sight of the Rev. J. H. Doolittle, B.A., of North-West renown, who is spending a few days with Prof. Trotter, preparatory to going south for recuperating purposes. We wish him God-speed, and the complete restoration of his health.

THE added attractions of our reading room, and consequently the increased interest taken in it by the boys, have made it necessary to expand our borders into "the regions beyond." We have thus equipped another room at the side of the old one, with the necessary files and table which add much to its convenience. The contents of the dailies are each morning rapidly scanned by a few of our earliest risers, and are made the spicy comments of the breakfast "table-talks."

DE LA TABLE FRANÇAISE.--To this column, in the January number, a "spectator" communicates some remarks which are intended to represent la table Française as having become a source of ennui to the octette sitting around it. We beg to decline the proffered sympathy gratefully. A spring of a meadow hue is readily to be perceived bubbling up in the deep *still well* of this writer's wit. We believe that the eight who are fortunate enough to have seats there are particularly happy. Our rules are not hard and fast. The morning news is discussed at breakfast wholly in English; at noon and evening French is preferred. We cannot, of course, use the language sufficiently well to admit of themes theological being discussed. Religious discussions and politics are relegated to class-room, hall and dormitory. Digestion is consequently unimpaired, and good health and good feeling always prevail in our company. Monsieur spectator, a scholar requires this language as well as the soups and theologies to which you English are so given. Yes, "comment ça va" is venerable, but certainly not as much the worse of long wear as is your "how d'ye do," and is much more meaningful and elegant. You would be richer for its importation, and "passez le sucre s'il vous plaît," is a vast improvement on your English (?) pantomimic method of securing the viand, where the mandible being too much preoccupied for articulation, the index finger of the right hand is extended towards the required victual, while a "low German" guttural commands the services of the by-sitter. This *mode Anglaise* which we see prevails at some of your English tables, is of course, thoroughly characteristic of the strict economy of time observed by your nation of shop-keepers. "Il fait froid" has been in the extremely high temperature of the dining-room, a term unnecessary, but it will be a cold day when the eight members constituting the French table shall be induced to abandon the pleasing and successful institution.

GOSPEL work among the French has been well *represented* to us during this college year. But the last speaker in the interests of this work, Mr. Anderson, of the McAll Mission, came not from Quebec,