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FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1874. PRESBYTERIAN FEDERATION.

We call attention to the address of the Committee named at the New York Conference last year to devise measures for bringing round a grand Presbyterian Federation made up of all who claim to be Presbyterians in all quarters of the world.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION OF KNOX COLLEGE.

We copy from the city dailies a full account of the proceedings connected with laying the foundation stone of Knox College. To all Presbyterians it must be a matter of great satisfaction that so much has been accomplished for giving the Church adequate and respectable College Buildings.

MISSION WORK OF THE C. P. CHURCH.

There is something very encouraging in the list of preachers and students connected with the Canada Presbyterian Church which we gave last week. All these brethren, to the number of 84, are to be engaged in Evangelistic work throughout the Dominion during the summer months.

Ministers and Churches.

In acknowledgment of valued services rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Wardrop in teaching the youth of Tecawater and neighborhood in the art of music, on Friday the 20th ult., after the services of the class, Miss Greig, in the name of the young ladies, read a kind and feeling address which she presented to Mrs. Wardrop, and Miss Clarke handed her a purse containing \$20 in gold—for which Mrs. Wardrop thanked them kindly.

Book Notices.

BLACKWOOD FOR MARCH. Has just come to hand. It is an exceedingly interesting number, with some papers of more than usual merit even for Blackwood.

THE LONDON QUARTERLY. Is the last of the quarterlies to make its appearance. It is much as usual and will amply repay perusal.

Presentation to Dr. Fraser

On the 27th ult., at the close of a most delightful, fraternal, and devotional meeting of the students of Knox College, at which the Professors were present, and in which they took a part, a very interesting ceremony took place. On behalf of the students Mr. Colin Fletcher, B. A., read an address which was afterwards presented to Dr. Fraser in view of his departure as a missionary to Formosa.

Knox College.—Meeting in Knox Church.

The Social gathering in Knox Church, on Thursday evening, was a very pleasant affair. Tea was served in the basement of the Church. After tea a public meeting was held at which several interesting addresses were delivered. Among those present on the platform were Principal Caven, Professor McLaren, Professor Gregg, Rev. Dr. Topp, Rev. Dr. Thornton, Dr. Wilson, L.L.D., of Toronto University, Hon. J. McMurrich, Rev. Messrs. Wardrop, McDonnell, Snuelley, King, Douglas, Burnfield, Donald Murray, Thompson, and many other clergy-men and friends who were present at the laying of the foundation stone.

thought of them with feelings of affectionate admiration and respect. All of those were admirable men, and did good work not only in connection with the reform interests of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, but could speak at great length on the personal qualities of these gentlemen. Some of the names mentioned suggested to his mind those who had been called away since the establishment of Knox College. He spoke of the two—John Burns and Alexander McGlosson—and of the services they had rendered to the Church.

The Rev. Principal Caven was then called upon, and said that he had read such a long statement during the afternoon, that he feared to be considered a trespasser; but there were one or two points of intense interest to which he wished to refer. He wished all the churches should take some part in the question of the Bursaries. These consisted of sixteen bursaries proper, and two special prizes, the former of which were of the value of from \$32 to \$60, and altogether they averaged from \$40 to \$50.

Rev. Dr. Topp, in a brief but forcible speech, expressed the hope that the work which had been commenced that day would be carried out and completed without the incubus of a debt hanging over it.

Dr. Wilson said he felt great pleasure in indicating by his presence the warm sympathy he felt in the object which had brought them together. No one who felt an interest in the Christian Church and its ministry, could but rejoice at the clear recognition which their act to-day set the value of high education for the ministers connected with their Church.

Hon. John McMurrich thanked the committee for the honor they had done him in preferring him to the position he had occupied in the afternoon, and the handsome tokens with which they had presented him. He could not, however, agree with the sentiment thrown out respecting the endowments, at least for the present, though the scheme might profitably be entertained in the course of a few years.

of all identified with Christian education and Christian institutions connected with the Church. He further spoke of the doubts which existed in the minds of young men, and stated the necessity there was for the education of Christian Ministers being such as to enable them to deal effectually with the doubts and difficulties which present themselves.

Rev. Thomas Wardrop said he cordially concurred with all that had been said on the subject of the interests of the College. He could express a strong conviction of the thorough fitness, the accurate scholarship, and other qualifications, as well as the very earnest piety of the professors who held its chairs, and he was sure his sentiments would be echoed by all who had had an opportunity of forming an opinion on the subject.

Rev. D. J. MacDonnell expressed his pleasure at having had the opportunity of being present at the laying of the corner stone in the afternoon. He was glad on personal grounds, as he had good reason to think most highly of the personal worth and the professional ability of the Professors connected with the institution. He was glad, as a citizen of Toronto, to see such an edifice added to the public buildings of the city.

Rev. Mr. Fletcher briefly addressed the meeting, pointing out that the Church had a great deal of work to do in this country. In doing this work they needed two things—men and money. They needed men more than money, but they wanted men of the right sort—men who would give themselves up, heart and soul, to the work of preaching Christ and Him crucified.

Rev. John Thompson said it was a good thing to have a warm and generous feeling at such a meeting, but it was as well, also, to have a practical aspect thrown over it. It was his opinion that this college should have been larger and more costly, but as it was, with a church membership in this country of nearly 200,000, it would be a very small matter for them to raise in three instalments, the sum of \$100,000.

Rev. Mr. Donald, in a brief speech, referred to the small accommodation which had in past times been provided for students, and to the cry sometimes heard that the expense was too great. He combated this complaint in a very eloquent and practical manner, and expressed the belief that those institutions should keep pace with the growing requirements of the Church, and with the advancement of social, as well as municipal and national grandeur.

Rev. John Scott, one of the earliest students of the college, traced his connection with it, dating back 29 years, when the students met in a small room on Bay street, before going to Ontario Terrace, as referred to in the statement of Principal Caven made during the afternoon.

Rev. Mr. King said he hoped this college would be completed free of debt, as he thought it would be an incentive to such work in the future, as the congregations though individually successful, had hitherto held back from any general scheme, because they were afraid of the difficulties and the embarrassments which might consequently follow.

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The Chairman then made a few closing remarks, and the meeting was brought to a close by the Rev. Mr. Smellie pronouncing the Benediction. During the evening the very excellent choir of Knox Church sang some very beautiful selections.

Synod of Toronto, Canada Presbyterian Church.

Having last week given a brief account of the opening Session of the foregoing venerable court, an abstract of the proceedings of the subsequent meetings is given below.

The Synod held its second diet on Wednesday, 1st April, commencing at ten o'clock a.m., and was constituted with appropriate praise, prayer and reading of the Scriptures conducted by the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. A. Topp. The first hour was spent in devotional exercises, in the course of which earnest, full, and fervent prayers were offered by Messrs. R. Wallace, J. Breckenridge, and J. W. Smith, ministers, and by Mr. W. Mann, elder. These applications were interspersed with singing and reading of the Word. After reading of the minutes of the first Session, Rev. Dr. D. Fraser, M.A., Clerk of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, submitted the Report of said Committee as to the order of business and other matters and moved its reception and adoption, which being seconded by Rev. W. A. Mackay, M.A., was agreed to. In accordance with the above named report there was read a reply, dated at Ottawa, 24th May, 1873, from Hon. S. L. Tilly, then Minister of Finance, respecting a petition from the Synod of last year in favour of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, for presentation to the Governor-General and Houses of Parliament. This letter was ordered to be kept in retentis, and is of the following tenor:—"The petition in favour of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, from the Synod of Toronto of the Canada Presbyterian Church, reached me in due course, and I had the honor and pleasure of presenting it to Parliament the day after its receipt. I suppose it was forwarded to me for that purpose. I was delighted to be the medium of presenting to Parliament the enlightened views expressed in the petition coming as it does from so influential a body of gentlemen as is the Synod you represent. With assurances of sympathy in the opinion you entertain, in relation to the subject of prohibition, and with the utmost respect, I remain, &c., Signed S. L. Tilly." The Synod, on motion of the Rev. R. Wallace, seconded by Mr. S. Marshall, cordially, and unanimously agreed to send a similar petition this year, and entrusted the whole matter to the Standing Committee on Temperance, to be appointed at a subsequent diet. The Clerk read an Overture, transmitted and adopted by the Presbytery of Simcoe, in favour of the obtaining of pecuniary aid from the congregations within the bounds of the Synod, for the purpose of erecting churches throughout the Muskoka District. The Rev. J. Gray, who was appointed by the Presbytery, along with Rev. R. Rodgers, to support the Overtures, stated that the District of Muskoka comprises portions of three of the Presbyteries of the Synod, that the settlers are not only poor but so scattered that it is very difficult to provide them with the means of grace, and that there is absolute necessity for pecuniary contributions outside of the district to enable us to keep our position as a Church, as large sums are spent by other Churches within the district. He was followed by Rev. R. Rodgers, who described the various important points, such as Bracebridge, Gravenhurst, Mouck, and South Falls, where the erection of Churches was urgently needed, named two thousand dollars as the sum which was required to meet the present necessities of the field, showed what a trifling amount—less than twenty cents—was asked from each member, and closed his address with an earnest and forcible appeal in behalf of the Mission, and its pressing claims on the liberality of the Synod. During the reasoning on this matter, the hour of noon arrived, but it was agreed to sit until the question was disposed of. It was moved by the Rev. M. Fraser, seconded by the Rev. J. W. Smith, and unanimously agreed to, "That the Synod cordially approve of the prayer of the Overture, and appoint the following Committee to mature a plan for the effectual carrying out of the object contemplated in said Overture, viz. the Rev. R. Rodgers, (Convener) Rev. J. Breckenridge, J. Dick, D. Stewart, and Mr. Fraser; Hon. J. McMurrich, and Mr. C. Morris. The Rev. W. Fraser, (Convener) Rev. D. B. Whimster, J. Douglas, J. Alexander, and J. B. Edmondson, and Mr. W. Mann, were appointed a Committee to nominate the several Standing Committees on the State of Religion, Sabbath Schools, Missions, Statistics, Sabbath Observance, and Temperance, as recommended in the first Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, and adopted by the Synod. The Synod was then closed with the benediction, and appointed to meet at half-past 2 o'clock p.m. Pursuant to adjournment, the Synod met at half-past 2 o'clock p.m., and was constituted by the Rev. J. Patterson, the Moderator of last Synod, in the room of the Rev. Dr. Topp, who was absent, attending the funeral of the widow of the late Rev. J. Harris. After the reading of the minutes of the last Session, the question of the first time for next meeting was considered. It was, after reasoning, unanimously decided that the next meeting be held within Knox Church, Toronto, on the first Tuesday of May, 1875, at half-past seven o'clock p.m. This change was resolved upon for two reasons, viz. 1. partly that the annual meeting of Synod may be brought into harmony with the meetings of the other three Synods; and 2. principally that the business of the Court may be more carefully attended to by the members generally than is possible under the former time of assembling since then so many of its members have been occupied with Committee of the General Assembly. It was also suggested that while the opening meeting would be held in Knox Church, the subsequent diets should be held in the comfortable and commodious Audition Chamber of the beautifully constructed School House attached to the said Church. The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures