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### PRESBYTERIAN FEDERATION.

We call attention to the address of the Committee named at the New York Con-Conference last year to devise measures for bringing round a grand Presbyterian Federation made up of all who claim to be Prosbyterians in all quarters of the world. It will be observed that in the meantime the Committee does not aim at much. In this it is wise, and likely by such a course to accomplishall the more.

## 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 Coldege. 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 Building's. Nor do we think that we are presumptuous in claiming some little merit in connection with this enterprise, as the letters of Index, which appeared in our columns, pointed out, for the first time both the evil and cure in connection with the accommodation in the College. The question, however, of "Who started the movement?" is very small compared with "Who have pushed it forward energetically and successfally?" and "How is it to be completed?" To these only one answer can be given. The two Professors-Messrs. Caven and Gregg-have done noble work in the cause, and they will not slacken their efforts till they have secured every farthing necessary for the completion of the building according to the plan, and we should liope, for the endowment of the different chairs as well. We are quite sure nothing could have a more beneficial influence upon the Church as a whole than this effort. The movement has already developed a spirit of liberality formerly unknown; and it will be found to react favourably upon all the different departments of Church life and work. Let there be a pleasing brotherly rivalry between the two Colleges, and the whole Church will feel the quickning

#### 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 brothren, to the number of 84, are to be engaged in Evangelistic work throughout the Dominion during the summer months. At one time, and that not very long past, this would have seemed a very large company of preachers of the gospel detailed for Home work. It is so still, though the field has become so extensive, that the cry is heard "the harvest is great, but the labourers are few." And though the C. P. Church has thus to reckon its home agents by the hundred the demand for service is not half met. This is very encouraging. In such s country as this it would be rather an unfavourable sign if all these stations and substatic s could be fully supplied. With all its inconveniences it is better as it is. Every preacher only makes the more vacancies. by opening up the more preaching places, and with the population ever extending this will always continue to be the case. More men and more money are needed, but surely it is a matter for thankfulness that God is putting it into the hearts of so many of our pious youth to give themselves to the work of the ministy. There never was & time in the history of Canada when there were so many natives of the country studying for the Church; and with our people growing in numbers and wealth, there can be no difficulty in supporting them all, and maky more in a manner worthy of Christians and patriots.

Ministers and Churches.

In acknowledgment of valued services rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Wardrops in teaching the youth of Tecawater and neighborhood in the art of music, on Friday the 20.4 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. Wardrope, and Miss Clarke handed her a purse containing \$20 in gold-for which Mrs. Wardrope thanked them kindly. Mr. Joseph Whytock then stepped forward and presented an address from the young men to Mr. Wardrope, which was expressive of a great deal of love and harmony existing between them; and Mr. Wm. Martin, from the same source, presented him with a purse of \$35. Mr. Wardrope, in an appropriate reply, said that they were amply rewarded in seeing the young people taking such a lively interest in singing the great Redcemer's love, without receiving anything from their hands; after which the doxology was sung, and all retired, apparently well satisfied with the evening's proceedings.

## 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 Black-

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. The address, for which you would scarcely find room, gave expression to the regard and esteem in which Dr. Fraser's fellow students hold him, and to their sincere wishes and fervent prayers for his comfort and prosperity in the work to which he is looking forward. Nor was this all. He was asked to accept the following books as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed in the address : A most complete and handsomely bound Bagster's Pocket Bible, Alford's Greek Testament, Stiers' Words of the Lord Jesus, Smith's Dictionary of the Bible Spurgeon's Treasury of David, Trench on the Parables, Tronch on Miraeles, Blunt's Undesigned Coincidences, Paleys Hore Paulina, and Chamber's Encyclopadia, in all thirty large volumes, and worth about \$90. Dr. Frazer replied extemporaneously in suitable terms, thanking the students heartily for the exceedingly appropriate and valuable present they had just made him, he assured them that the good wishes and kind regards expressed in their address were fally reciprocated on his part; and that as often as he consulted these volumes -which as they knew would not be seldom -he would think of those who gave them. and pray God to strengthen their hands and encourage their hearts in their great and arduous life-work. It but remains to be added, that this affair was gone into most heartily and unanimously by the students of the College,-many of the University Students also, who as yet have no direct connecton with Knox College, but who intend to study Theology after completing their Arts course, joining in the address and presentation.-Com.

# Knox College.-Meeting in Knox Church.

The Social gathering in Knox Church, on Thursday evening, was a very pleasant affair. Ica was served in the basement of the Church.

After to 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. McMurnch, Rev. Messrs. Wardrope, McDonnell, Smelley, King, Douglas, Burnfield, Donald Murray, Thompson, and many other c vrgymen and friends who were present at the laying of the foundation stone. The Rov. W. Reid, M.A., Moderator, presided.

After the singing of a hymn, prayer was

offered by Rev. Dr. Thornton. The Chairman remarked that he felt it high honour to preside at the meeting. He was extremely glad to see se many present, and he had no doubt that most of then were present at the laying of the founds tion stone of Knox College in the afternoon. All mr t have felt deeply interested in the staten, ats made of the past history of the institution in the interest of which they had met together this evening. The liketoric statements made recalled a great many things to his memory, for he was pretty-familiar with the steps which had been taken in the progress of the College from its beginning until the present time. He was intimately connected with those who occupied the position of professors in the carly history of the College, and he always

thought of them with feelings of affection-ate admiration and respect. All of them were admirable men, and did good work not only in connection with the reform in-terests of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, but vo could speak at great length or the persunal qualifies of these gentismen. Some of the names mentioned suggested to his mind those who had been called away since the establishment of Rnox College. He spoke of the two—John Burns and Alexauder McGlesson—and of the services they had rendered to the Charch. There were others still remaining, who, from the be-gining of the College had taken great interest in it. He mentioned the name of James Shaw, and he did not know anyone who would put himself more about in the interest of the College, the academy and the Presbyterian Church, than this goutleman. There was also Samuel Sproule, who acted as treasurer of the bursary funds, and had obtained large contributions to these funds. Another name was that of the Hon. J. Mo-Murrich, who, for a number of years was Treasurer of Knox College, when it was first organized. The montion of the names carried him still further back in the history of the College. It was thirty five years since his first arrival in Canada; he remembered the establishment of Queen's College, Kingston, and it was then he heard for the first time the name of Sir John A. Macdonald, who was then a rising young lawyer. He remembered Sir John A. Mac donald making a remarkably clever speech in behalf of Queen's College. The name of Hon. Mr. Mowat, one of his oldest acquaintances in Cauada, was also connected with Queen's College. In looking through the records of Knox College it was found that the number of names entered on the register, was 889, of which number 170 were tor, was 889, of which human. This was exclusive of the Church in the States, and the church in the States, and the church in the States. Were those added, the number of ministerstraining in the country would be 200. Of the 14 individuals who were first connected with the College, eight were still labouring in connection with the Church, three were in the United States, one was a minister of the Church of England, one had left the ministry, and two were dead. Many students at the College had entered other professions and had gained a high position in the world. Several interesting items came up in the examination of the registry of the College. Of the 389 entered, nearly one-fourth of them were Macs. (Laughter) There were 90 Macs on the registry. After further remarks on this subject, the speaker said there would be no set speeches to-night, although one or two gentleman had been expected from whom they would have looked for a speech. The Hon. At torney-General intended to have been pres ent, but on account of his excessive labours he was unable to be here. He was sorry that Mr. Thomas W. Taylor was unable to be present. Mr. Ure, of Goderich, and also sent a letter stating that owing to a provious engagement he was unable to be present.

The Rev. Principal Caren 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 in terest 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 branies 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. The speaker commented on the importance of this incentives being maintained, as, unlike the students on the other side of the line, there were no beneniciary allowances here; and while op nions may differ as to the advisability of following either plan, he considered that it was important, whatever might be the opinion of the churches of the various students, that some aid should be given to the students, and the opinion of the churches of the thought it could not better be done than by offering these prizes and byrsaries. He was glad to be able to announce that at the close of the lecture on the previous evening, a gentleman had announced that he was prepared to establish one bursary of \$60, and pussibly another also. He impressed on the audience the necessity of sudporting this movement, and hoped that the bursaries would shortly bo 28 or 30 instead of 18.

Hev. Dr. Topp, in a brief but forcible speech, expressed the hope that the work which had been commencenthat day would be carried out and completed without the incubas of a debt hanging over it. He said there were no institutions in the Church which should have more of the aympathy of the churches than these collegiate insti tutions, as they were the nurseries of the future mir sters, and it should be, as it has the part of the past, the glory of the Church, that its numbers were as highly trained as those of any other Christian Church. He concluded by an carnest appeal to the oliurches in this and other cities repro-sented to do all they possibly could to maintain the prestige of the ministry, and of this new college in particular, which had been so successinity established in the past.

Dr. Wilson said he felt great pleasure in indicating by his presence the warm sympathy he ich in the object which had brought them together. No one who felt an interest in the Christ'an Church and in its ministry, could but rejoice at the clear recognition which their act to-day 'et kens of the value of high education for the ministers connected with their Church. In no period in the history of the Church or of the world was manifested so much necessity for such a state of things as there was at the present time. He referred to the doubts and diffi culties if overy kind which were working in mens minds with regard to the faith, and to the necessity that these doubts should be met by Christian ministers capable of dealing with them. The ministers of the Church must be ducated men, to enable them to deal with the doubts which many entertain. The institution of which they had laid the foundation stone this day bord the name of one of the Reformation Fathers of history, a name that was identified with the history of Scotland and its Reformed Church. It was a name that was associated alike in the reformation of the Church, and who was an advocate of a system of education which must be placed within the reach

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 effect ually with the doubts and difficulties which present thomsolves.

Rev. Thomas Wardrope 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 chairs, and he was sure his sentiments would be ccheed by all who had had an opportunity of forming an opinion on the subject. He referred to the difficulties which the students had to meet day by day in the prosecution of their studies, which difficulties, whatever might be said on the subject, had to be met in a practical mannor, and no more theories and set speeches would suffice. In order to meet the requirements of a scientific age, a highly trained ministry was necessary, and the help of the Church was absolutely neces

sarv. Rov. 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. He was glad as a minister of the Church of Scotland, whether Union was near or far away, to rejoice with a sister Church in the prosperity of an institution for the training of young men for the ministry. Some persons thought—and he had been himself disposed to think—that there were too many Prosbyterian Colleges; but we must remember that, though we had now only a population of four millions, we should one day have forty or a hundred millions, and the Presbyterian Church, when united, would be the largest and strongest Protestant Church in the Dominion. Who would say then that four or five college were too many? Besides, it was a good thing that there should be different institutious representing various schools of thought. Truth had many sides, and it was a good thing that the thoughts of young men should not all run in one

Rev. Mr. Flotcher 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 heavy and that the money. solves up, heart and soul, to the work of preaching Christ and Him crucified. They needed theological seminaries, too, to qualify men for the arduous and responsile work of carrying salvation to other men He spoke of the necessity of the Church having educated ministers-men who were enabled to preach the Gospel and expound the words contained therein; and to do this they must be educated ministers. He re-ferred to the efficient teaching imparted at Knox College, and he also stated that he would like to see the Professors of the College take possession of the building free of debt, which he would do all in his power to bring about. (Applause.)

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. He also referred to the small salaries of the professors, and koped this would soon be

Rov. 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 combatted this complaint in a very eloquent and practical manner, and expressed the belief that these 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 Outario Teresco, as referred to in the statement of Principal Caven made during the afternoon. He concluded by expressing his gratitude for the benefits derived from it, and the hope that many would, for several concrations, be able to speak as warmly in the same strain.

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. He advocated, in connection with the bursary scheme of Principal Caven, this. scholarships should be established in University College, that some, at least, of the students, could have the benefit of a longer collegiate course.

Hon. John McMurrich thanked the committee for the honour they had done him in preferring him to the position he had occupied in the afternoon, and the handsome trove, with which they had presented him. He could not, however, agree with the sentimout thrown out respecting the endowments, at least for the present, though the solieme might profitably be entertained in of a few years. He thought the first thing accomplished should be to clear off the debt, and then take a little breathing

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 sangsome very be uattached to the said Church. The second is sport of the Committee on Bills and Over tiful soleonons.

Synod of Toronto. Canada Preabyterlar Church.

Having last week given a brief access Having last woon governor of the foregoing of the opening Sederunt of the foregoing venerable court, an abstract of the process ings of the subsequent meetings is give

The Synod held its second diet in Wedge day, 1st April, commencing at ten o'cles a.m., and was constituted with appropriate praise, prayer and reading of the Scriptures conducted by the Moderate, the Roy Dr. A. Topp. the Rev. Dr. A. Topp. The first hour was spont in devotional exercises, in the cours of which carnest, full, and fervent praying were offered by Messre. R. Wallace, I Breekonridge, and J. W. Smith, minister, and by Mr. W. Mann, older. These 8:p. plications were interspersed with single and reading of the Word. After reading of the minutes of the first Sederunt, Rev. E. D. Fraser, M.A., Clerk of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, submitted the Reper of said Committee as to the order of bus. \ ness and other matters and moved its re. ception and adoption, which being second. ed by Rev. W. A. Mackay, M.A., Wat agreed to. In accordance with the above named report there was read a reply, datel at Ottawa, 24nd May, 1878, from Hon. S. L. Tilly, then Minister of Finance, respect. ing a petition from the Synod of last year m favour of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, for presentation to the Governor-General and Hosues of Parliament. This letter was ordered to be kept in retentis, and is of the following tenor:—"The petition in favor of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, from the Synod of Toronto of the Canada Pressy. torian Church, reached mo in due course, and I had the honor and pleasure of presenting it to Parliament the day after in recent. I suppose it was forwarded to me for that purpose. I was delighted to be the medium of presenting to Parliament the coming as it does from so influential a body of gentlemen as is the Synod you represent With assurances of sympathy in the opin ous you entertain, in relation to the subjecof prohibition, and with the utmost respect, I remain, &c., Signed S. L. Tilley. The Synod, on motion of the Roy. R. Wallace, seconded by Mv. S. Marshall, cordially, and unanimously agreed to send a similar pe-tition this year, and entrusted the whole matter to the Standing Committee on Temperauce, 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 pecu. niary aid from the congragations within the bounds of the Synod, for the purpose of orocting churches throughout the Muskoti District. The Roy. J. Gray, who was ap-pointed by the Presbytery, along with Res. R. Rodgers, to support the Overtures, stated that the District of Muskoka comprise portions of three of the Presbyteries of the Synod, that the settlers are not only pour but so scattered that it is vory difficult to provide them with the means of grace, and that there is absolute necessity for pecuniary centributions outside of the district to onable us to keep our position as a Church, as large sums are spent by other Churches within the district. He was followed by tuo Rov. R. Rodgers, who described the various important points, such as Bracebridge, Gravenhurst, Mouck, and South Falls, where the crection of Churches was urgently needed, named two thousand dolars as the sum which was required to meet the present necessities of the field, shewed what a trilling amount-less than twenty conts-was asked from each member, and closed his address with an carnest and forcible appeal in bohalf 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 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 unaumously agreed to. "That the Synod cordially approve of the prayer of the Overture, and appoint the following Committee to mature a plan for the effects al carrying out of the object contemplated in said Overtuze, viz. the Rev. R. Rodger, (Convener) Rev. J. Breekenridge, J. Dick, D. Stewart, and M. Fraser; Hon. J. Me-Murrich, and Mr. C. Morris. The Rev. W. Frasor, (Convener,) Rev. D. B. Whimster, J. Douglas, J. Alexander, and J. B. demondson, and Mr. W. Mann, were appointed a Committee to nominate the saveral Standing Committees on the State of Religion, Sabath Schools, Missions, Statistics, Sabbath Cheervance, and Tomperance, as recommended in the first kepart 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 consti-tuted by the Roy. J. Patterson, the Moder-ator of last Synod, in the roo a of the Ref. Dr. Topp, who was absent, attending the funeral of the widow of the late Roy. J. Harris. After the reading of the uninules of the last Sederunt, the question of the hest time for next meeting was considered. It was, after reasoning, unanimously decil-Enox Church, Toronto, on the first Taes day of May, 1875, at helf day of May, 1875, at half-pastsoven 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 numbers of the Court may be more careful ly attended to by the members generally than is possible under the former time of

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bers have been occupied with Committ 8

of the General Assembly. It was also sug

gested that while the opening meeling would be held in Knox Church, the tank

quent diets should be held in the comfortable and sommodious Audiones Chamber of the beautifully constructed School House