

evangelical chair subscription, congregational contributions and interest on investments. This is accounted for by business depression and the low rate of interest on mortgage securities. The indebtedness of \$26,200, of many years standing, was a serious impediment. In order to properly maintain the College an annual revenue of \$17,000 will be required. This is \$2,000 in excess of that of last year, when 133 congregations contributed. Dr. Warlen stated that the average amount raised for educational purposes was only 7 cents per communicant per year in Ontario and Quebec.

Mr. George Hay, Ottawa, in moving the adoption of the report and commending the institution to the prayerful support and liberal contributions of the Church, stated with gravity that there was too much money in the country and money was too cheap.

Rev. Peter Wright, Portage la Prairie, seconded the resolution and spoke hopefully of McGill's future. The resolution was adopted.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.

Principal Grant was in splendid trim as he introduced the reports of Queen's, and with a great deal of dry humor pointed out the portions demanding the attention of the Assembly. He dwelt largely on the need of an increased theological staff and on the necessity of increasing liberality towards the funds of the College. The attendance during the session was 556, apportioned as follows: In the faculty of arts, 310; in the faculty of medicine, 125; in theology, 33; in practical science, 5; in law, 3. Just 100 more students were registered this year than last. The financial statement showed a favorable balance for the year, though the accumulated deficit from former years is \$12,734 06.

Dr. McTavish moved a resolution recording the gratitude and satisfaction of the Assembly because of the very encouraging report, as indicated by the large and ever-increasing body of students attending the various faculties, by the good financial showing, and the success of the establishment of annual conferences for the study of theological and philosophical subjects.

Mr. John Cameron seconded the resolution, and in this connection stated that in the various Presbyterian colleges they had both efficiency and variety. London had had the advantage of this variety, and at the present time they had an able minister from Montreal, an able minister from Queen's, two able ministers from Knox College, one from Scotland—all able and competent men, and four out of the five Canadians. The increasing cordiality observable between the various colleges and principals and professors gratified the speaker very much, and he stated further, that when at the opening services of the first Presbyterian Church he listened to Principal Cavan, of Knox, and then at the first anniversary he heard Principal Grant, of Queen's, he was somewhat perplexed to decide on which occasion they had had the best sermon. (Laughter.) It was the view of professors, preachers and ruling elders that the colleges should turn out Godly ministers and men of sanctified common sense. "We have had a good report," said Mr. Cameron. "Queen's is doing a most admirable work, and as to the learned Principal himself—I think we must all admit that he would be an ornament to any college in the world." (Applause.)

Dr. Milligan said a few words in favor of the alumni conference, after which the resolution was adopted.

KNOX COLLEGE.

Principal Cavan, of Knox, presented the report of the College, and expressed the gratification of the Board of Management to be able to state that the College had entered the second half century of its work with a larger graduating class than has ever been recorded in any former year of its existence. It was recommended that the salary of Mr. George Logie, B.A., B.D., be increased to the sum of \$1,000. The desirability of erecting a new building for the preservation of the library was pointed out. Prof. Cavan referred in terms of deep regret to the death of Prof. R. Y. Thompson, B.A., B.D., and asked that in adopting the report the clause recommending the name of the Rev. John S. McIntosh, D.D., as a successor be held over. "Not because of any feeling with regard to the candidate," said the doctor, "but because the matter can be better considered in connection with certain overtures coming before the Assembly." He urged the adoption of a similar course with regard to the resignation of Rev. Dr. Gregg, who has filled the chair of Apologetics and Church History since 1872. Speaking of financial matters, Principal Cavan said: "Knox has been a quiet child, but now she is crying for food, for clothing, for medicine and for professors. And while McGill asks for \$100,000, and Principal Grant for a modest million, when these showers of blessing come, let some drops fall on us." (Laughter.) In conclusion, he moved a resolution embodying the points touched on in his address.

"Knox has indeed been a quiet College," said Dr. Milligan, in seconding the resolution. "Why, Knox College is just introducing gas. (Laughter.) And now that we have got gas we want to get up steam. But that takes time." The doctor urged that owing to the present crisis in the history of the institution they ought to take at least one year before making any appointments to the chairs.

DR. GREGG RESIGNS.

Before the question of the adoption of the report was put Dr. Gregg definitely tendered his resignation from the chair of Apologetics and Church History. He gave as his reason increasing years, being now 78 years old. While leaving the chair he ex-

pressed his readiness to do any other Church work that might lay in his power. "I would like this matter settled and that my resignation be accepted," said the doctor, in conclusion.

Principal Grant moved the acceptance of the resignation, and requested the Moderator to bring in a minute expressive of the high regard in which Dr. Gregg is held by the Assembly.

Dr. McVicar seconded, and P. of Bryce and Dr. Sedgewick paid high tributes to the sterling worth and character of Dr. Gregg.

The College report recommends that a retiring allowance of \$1,000 be made the doctor. The resolution was adopted, as was immediately afterwards the one dealing with Knox College report.

MANITOBA COLLEGE.

It was in St. Andrew's Church just 12 years ago that Dr. John King was appointed principal of Manitoba College. In reporting for his College yesterday he said: "The diminished contributions of congregations in Ontario and Quebec and the increased expenditure which has fallen upon us by the institution of the summer session is threatening us with very serious embarrassment. For over half an hour the doctor pleaded in a subdued voice for increased support. The expenditure of the year—\$18,919 88—was \$763 21 beyond the revenue. The receipts from ordinary funds (including a balance in hand at the beginning of the year of \$1,661 92) were \$19,818 59. There is a balance on hand of \$898 71 at present, the difference between the balance of last year and this indicating the deficiency. "The truth is," continued Dr. King, "justice is not done to this institution unless it is plainly stated to the people that it is saving in the travelling expenses of the church more than all that is sent to it from the churches of the East."

The doctor's address had a visible effect on his auditors, and one ministerial delegate arose and acknowledged the shortcomings of his church, and said that it was a matter that the ministers should take up and advocate.

Rev. John Macdonald moved the adoption of the report and Dr. Sedgewick seconded. It carried.

BRANTFORD LADIES' COLLEGE.

Dr. Cochrane, governor of the Brantford Ladies' College, reported shortly, stating that the Board was exceedingly gratified, notwithstanding the general depression, with the attendance of the year. With boarders and day pupils there were 112 on the roll. Six candidates in advanced musical studies took honors last week at Victoria College, London, Eng. "This is the only college that has not come seeking money," said the doctor, and a gratified delegate said "hear, hear." "Still," continued the doctor, "we need it, and are glad to get any contributions you give to us." And the gratified delegate aforesaid merely said "Oh!"

Dr. Thompson moved the adoption of the report and Prof. Bryce seconded. The resolution carried and the meeting adjourned.

The evening sederunt was devoted to Home Missions.

"The past year has been the best we have ever had," said Rev. John McMillan, B.D., Halifax, Convener of the Home Mission Committee (eastern section). "We have at the present time 156 settled congregations—98 in Nova Scotia (including one in Bermuda), 34 in New Brunswick, 23 in Prince Edward Island, and 1 in Newfoundland. There are 34 vacant congregations—20 in Nova Scotia, 7 in New Brunswick and 7 in Prince Edward Island. There are also 22 congregations in charge of ordained missionaries, and 45 groups of mission stations—257 fields in all in the Maritime Synod. Of laborers we have 156 settled ministers, 22 ordained missionaries, 52 catechists, and 15 probationers—255 laborers at work, supplying 257 fields. So that this year there are no silent Sabbaths in any part of our Church. We have a full supply of laborers. Indeed, at times we were unable to give supply to all our probationers. Our only trouble has been to secure Gaelic speaking ministers especially for the Island of Cape Breton. Six of the 11 congregations of the Presbytery of Inverness are now vacant simply because Gaelic speakers cannot be secured. Of course, there are different kinds of Gaelic—(laughter)—and many Gaelic speakers need not apply—(renewed laughter). The Gaelic must be of paradisaic purity, and besides that the minister must be very earnest and eloquent in all of his sermons or no call will be forthcoming."

The Committee began the year with a debt of \$2,535. Last year they met all the obligations of the twelvemonth and reduced the debt a little—\$177. They expended \$1,018 less last year than the year before and received \$1,193 more. Ten years ago the receipts were a little over \$4,000. Last year they had reached \$12,280—an increase of a little more than three times in ten years.—(Applause.)

Dr. McMillan moved the adoption of the report, and Rev. Alfred Gaudier, B.D., Halifax, seconded, in an address which clearly stamped him as a coming man in Presbyterianism.

WESTERN SECTION.

Dr. Cochrane presented the report of the Western Section. A summary of which was published in last week's PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW. This section comprised 38 Presbyteries, 344 mission fields and something like 1007 stations. This, Dr. Cochrane said was the result of twenty-five years of work. They had 325 missionaries now, and there are in regular attendance on Sabbath 36,000 people. Nearly 12,000 families attend these missions. There were 14,500 communicants, and the amount given last year for the support of ordinances was \$69,000. The past year had been one of difficulty. There had been more sickness and death than for many years, and many missionaries after struggling to keep a family and live on \$900 a year, died, and were buried, "unwept, unhonored, and unsung." The floods in British Columbia did immense damage to missionary property. Dr. Cochrane pointed with pride to the fact that the British Columbia contributions for the year amounted to nearly