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"I am in the place where I am demanded of Conscience to speak the truth, and therefore the truth I speak, impugn it whoso list."—JOHN KNOX.

Toronto, October 12, 1893.

The College Openings.

THE deep interest deservedly manifested in our colleges was once more seen at the openings of the Toronto and Montreal institutions last week. It is well that the membership of the Church should be in close touch with the ceremonies from which our future ministers come forth. The Presbyterian Church has a record peculiarly her own in this respect. From the days of John Knox down particular emphasis has been laid on the need of the best possible education available and the universities and colleges have been real seats of learning. It is gratifying to know that this idea is more firmly held in our day than ever, yet it is wedded to the belief in that fundamental essential to the ministry, the spiritual fitness of candidates for the ministry. There is every indication that the colleges are spiritualizing centres, as they ought to be. One has only to glance at the features of the openings referred to, to find evidence of this. In the one case, that of Montreal, so well presided over by Principal MacVicar, the theme of the day was Chinese Missions, the account of which so graphically given by Rev. J. H. MacVicar, found a most interested audience. That the power of the evangelizing Gospel of Christ should be magnified at the opening of a theological college is as it should be, and it is gratifying that the "feast of reason and the flow of soul" on such an occasion should have been so directly from that source. The topic at Knox College was not less significant, "the permanence of the Sabbath in relation to the Mosaic law and the Gospel economy," a practical theme, especially opportune at present when much discussion on Sabbath observance is indulged in and many diverse views promulgated. The lecturer was Professor MacLaren, and it is needless to say that that deep sincerity which characterizes him shone out in his exposition of the theme. The missionary spirit is strong in our Colleges. Let us be thankful for it. It is the true spirit of the Gospel and as long as it prevails and predominates our institutions so long there will be an inspiration priceless and pure influencing the student mind.

Knox College is entering a most interesting period of its history. Last week it entered upon the fiftieth year of its work. The words of the reverend principal of the College with reference to the semi-jubilee will make an impression on the Church deep enough to cause good results. The auspicious event could not be more fittingly celebrated than by an expression of liberality on the part

of the friends of the College, which would enable the Church to strengthen all the departments of work already undertaken and to provide efficiently for the teaching requirements of the Church. Briefly and modestly Dr. Caven hints at what might be done. But there is no reason why the Alumni and their friends should not speak out, and appeal to the liberality of friends. Money cannot be better invested than in the thorough education of our ministry, and it should be the pride as well as the privilege of those whom God has blessed with enough and to spare to contribute to that end. An increase in the teaching staff is needed, a debt has to be wiped off, and a library to be added to. If the matter should be enthusiastically undertaken there should be but little difficulty in raising a fund as a jubilee offering, which would go far to place Knox College in the position she is so justly entitled to.

Professor Campbell.

STEP by step the case of Prof. Campbell is progressing through the various stages called for by the procedure of the Church. Without discussion the following reply to the professor's reason of appeal was agreed to at the last meeting of the Montreal Presbytery: "The Presbytery had before it all the arguments and Scriptural references, written and oral, used by Prof. Campbell in his defence before coming to a judgment in the courts in the libel, but it was unable to discover in them any material modification of the views set forth in the printed address which occasioned the process against him. Besides, when asked whether he withdrew or modified the views complained of Prof. Campbell declined to do so, and therefore all his pleadings before the court were properly regarded as an attempt to justify the statements of the printed lectures founded in the libel rather than the manifestation of a desire to withdraw or modify them."

For Central India.

IT is always an interesting scene, the bidding God-speed, good-bye to missionaries leaving for far parts of the vineyard. The occasion is one that stirs the best feelings of the heart. Here are devoted individuals, leaving home, parting from friends, breaking up old and sacred associations, to give themselves, body and soul, for the heathen. The self-sacrifice in many cases is truly heroic, it is consecration of the highest order. Such a scene was that witnessed in St. James' Square Presbyterian church last week, when a number of men and women were bidden farewell, prior to their departure for Central India. Their names are, Rev. W. A. Wilson and his wife; Dr. and Mrs. Woods; Rev. F. H. Russell, Winnipeg; Miss White, Miss Douggan of Thornhill, and they will sail on the Nepigon in a few days. The proceedings were appropriately impressive, and the vivid interest manifested by the large audience showed the deep hold the foreign work has taken on the Church. A characteristic address was delivered by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, who deemed it an honour of the highest order to address such a gathering on such an occasion. The farewell was like an induction of half a dozen ministers to congregations too extensive to be expressed in figures. When Mr. Macdonnell said that though Canadian Presbyterians had the most magnificent home mission field in the world, they were not thereby prevented from energetically prosecuting the work of spreading in foreign lands the Gospel of Christ, he adroitly brought the important fields of missionary effort together to the minds of the audience. The two should