

scholarship, and the stimulating enthusiasm of Dr. Young. We may truly say that Canada will not soon see his like.

From 1873 to 1875, the staff in Knox College consisted of Rev. Wm. Caven, D. D., Principal and Professor of Exegetical Theology and Biblical Criticism; Rev. Dr. Gregg, Professor of Evidence and Church History; Rev. Dr. MacLaren, Professor of Systematic Theology and Rev. Dr. Proudfoot, Lecturer in Homiletics and Pastoral Theology.

In 1880 Dr. Gregg tendered his resignation of Apologetics and Church History. It was not accepted but he was relieved of the chair of Apologetics, to which Rev. R. Y. Thomson, B. D., who had been a distinguished student of Toronto University and Knox College, and who had afterwards studied in Germany, was appointed, along with Old Testament Analysis. The Rev. Geo. Logie, B. D., is at present tutor in the preparatory department. Elocution is taught by a competent instructor.

BUILDINGS. Knox College at first, like some other institutions, such as the Log College, began in a somewhat humble style, having been conducted in a room in the house occupied by the Rev. Henry Eason, on James street. In 1846 it was transferred to Front street where a house, now included in the Queen's Hotel, was rented, and here it remained till 1851. Having to leave these quarters, the College authorities had some difficulty in securing a suitable location, but attention having been directed by a gentleman, still living who has always been a good friend of the College, A. M. Smith, Esq., to Elmsley Villa, then in the market, negotiations were begun, which issued in the purchase of the building which had been previously occupied by Lord Elgin, the Governor General. The cost of Elmsley Villa was about \$28,000. Assistance was given by the Free Church of Scotland, and by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, but the greater part was contributed by friends in Canada. For twenty years Knox College had its home in Elmsley Villa, and I have no doubt some who were then youthful students, now of maturer years, may remember not a few happy gatherings, and some innocent interludes amidst graver studies, in the old and somewhat homely building. *Forsan et haec olim meminisse juvabit.* But by and by we began to look for some building of a more Academic style, and after looking out for a site farther west, our attention was directed to the circle in Spadina avenue, which was secured at the price of \$10,000. The foundation stone was laid the 3rd of April, 1874, and it was opened here in October 1875. Liberal subscriptions were made for the erection of the buildings. Several years were spent in canvassing the congregations, which was largely done by the professors, and still longer time in collecting the amount subscribed, thus adding largely to the interest and expenses. There is still a debt for which a mortgage was given for \$20,500. The hope is entertained that a Jubilee offering will be raised in token of gratitude for all the goodness which the Great Head of the Church has manifested to the College, and for the very large number of laborers which the College has supplied for the work of the ministry in our own Province and in the regions beyond.

It should have been mentioned previously that an Act of Incorporation was obtained for the College in 1858, and that in 1881 an Act was passed amending the Act of Incorporation, and giving power to the Senate to confer Degrees in Divinity. The College has been for some years affiliated with the University of Toronto, and is now a member of the University Confederation.

SUPPORT OF THE COLLEGE.—The support of the College came at first from congregational contributions, aided for some years by a grant of £300 from the Free Church of Scotland, but this was given up by the Church here in 1854. The annual expenditure at first was about \$2,500, and in 1861 it was about \$4,750. An Endowment Fund was commenced, but amounted to very little till 1875, when from the estate of the late Mr. Wm. Hall, of Peterboro, there was received the amount of \$40,000; from the late Mr. James MacLaren \$50,000 for the endowment of the chair of Systematic Theology; subsequently there was received from the estate of the late Mr. Bowman, upwards of \$20,000; and from the estate of the late Mrs. Nichols, of Peterboro, \$20,000. A number of smaller sums were devised by individuals and a general canvas of congregations for the Endowment Fund was begun and well responded to. It took a considerable time to complete the canvas and collection of funds, indeed not all collected even yet, but the amount available for the support of the College, after deducting expenses, and an amount of arrears which had accumulated on the Ordinary Fund, is fully \$260,000. In consequence of the general fall of interest from seven and seven and a half per cent, to five and five and a half per cent, the amount from the Endowment has considerably decreased. This makes it all the more necessary to raise, if possible, the amount aimed at for removing the mortgage on the building. In connection with both the Building Fund and the Endowment Fund, the services of Rev. W. Burns were most valuable.

SCHOLARSHIPS.—From time to time generous members of the Church have contributed amounts for the help and the encouragement of young men studying for the ministry. The Senate is enabled to give at present, as annual scholarships, the following:—For students of the first year in theology, seven scholarships of the aggregate value of \$300; for students in the second year, seven scholarships \$365; for students of the third year, six scholarships, \$340. Besides these there are the Bayno scholarship, for proficiency in Hebrew, \$50; Prince of Wales Prize, \$60, tenable for two years; Smith Scholarship, \$50; Brydon Prize, \$30; two prizes given by W. M. Clark, Esq., (Lange's Commentary) one in Old Testament Hebrew and one in New Testament Greek; also three scholarships by late Mr. James Henderson, Hamilton, being the interest of three sums, \$500; \$600 and \$600, respectively, to be at the disposal of the Senate in aid of deserving students apart from competition. Five scholarships are offered for students, candidates for the ministry, who are taking a University course.

LIBRARY.—There was little at first in the shape of a library in Knox College. The Rev. Mr. Eason kindly gave the use of his library for the use of the students who at first attended, and ministers and other friends assisted in the same way. The Rev. Dr. Burns, who from the very first, took a lively and practical interest in everything connected with the College, collected in Scotland from various friends, a valuable library of from two to three thousand volumes. From time to time additions were made to the library, in some instances by purchase, but more largely by donations. Efforts were made from time to time by students and by ministers to collect money for the enlargement and improvement of the library, but little comparatively was effected in this direction until the death of the late Mr. James MacLaren, already mentioned as a liberal benefactor, when the sum of \$20,000 was bequeathed by him for the purchase of books for the library. This amount has been invested, the interest to be used from year to year in the purchase of books. The amount available will be about \$1,100 a year, an amount which although not very large will prove a very great benefit, and will in time put the College in possession of a valuable library.

The library possesses the following valuable volumes: (1) The Paris Polyglott in ten volumes, the gift of the late Rev. Alex. Black, D. D., of the New College, Edinburgh, per Rev. Dr. Burns. (2) Codex Sinaiticus (fac simile) 4 vols., presented by W. M. Clark, Esq., M. A., Q. C. (3) Codex Alexandrinus (Auto type copy) 5 vols. (4) Aristotles Constitution of Athens, (Auto type copy of M. S.) (5) Poems of Herodas (Auto type copy) from Papyri in British Museum. These three also by Mr. Clark, besides other valuable works.

MUSEUM.—From an early period of the history of the College, there has been a nucleus of a museum, but circumstances prevented much being done towards its improvement. Recently, through the energy of some of the graduates and Alumni, there has been stirred up a greatly increased interest in the Museum, a very large collection of interesting objects from Formosa has been presented to the museum by Rev. Dr. G. L. MacKay, the present Moderator; a moderate grant was made by the College Board for its improvement and the hope is entertained that the museum will become, before long, worthy of the College.

COLLEGE SOCIETIES.—The Students Missionary Society was founded in 1844 and began missionary work in 1849. At first its attention was given almost exclusively to French work, but for some years past its operations have extended throughout the Dominion, and it has proved a most valuable Institution in co-operating with the work of the Home Mission, especially in the North, North-West and in British Columbia. During each of the last two seasons, twenty-nine students were under appointment.

The Literary and Theological Society is maintained with vigor, and has proved of great value in various ways.

NUMBER OF GRADUATES. In 1844 and 45, the first year of its existence, there were seven students in attendance. Their names have been already given. In 1845-46 it had twenty-two and in 1846-47, thirty-seven. The attendance, of course, varied from year to year, but gradually increased. It is not necessary to give the attendance from year to year, but an examination of the lists enables us to give the following statement:—

Number of graduates by regular study.....	552
Admitted to degrees of B.D., and D.D.....	10
Total.....	562
Of these, there have died.....	85
Now in other Churches.....	71
Engaged in other work.....	27
Retired by permission.....	36
Without charge.....	31
Living in active work in Canada, or connected with Canada.....	312
Total.....	562

Of these graduates, besides the large number engaged in pastoral work in Canada, not a few have been called to prominent positions in other places, namely:—In Scotland, in London and in the several Colleges in our Church, namely:—Montreal, Knox, Manitoba, while a large proportion of our Missionaries in India, China, and in the North-West, have been trained in Knox College. It should have been mentioned also that before the Union in 1861, twenty six students had been educated and added to the effective force of the ministry of the Church, trained by the Rev. Dr. Proudfoot, of London, the father of the present Dr. Proudfoot, and by his successor, Dr. John Taylor, both learned and able men.

IN CONCLUSION.—On looking back on the past fifty years of the existence of the Knox College, we have abundant cause of gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the very large degree of favor bestowed on our Seminary. For the sound, able and evangelical men whom He has qualified and sent as teachers for our candidates for the ministry,—for the large number of students who have passed through our Hall, for the self-denial, fidelity and zeal which they have manifested in their work, and for the measure of liberality which our people have shown, we are truly grateful. We thank God for what He has done for us. May His blessing, notwithstanding our unworthiness and our unfaithfulness, be still continued, and may those who may see the completion of another period of fifty years have still more abundant reason to bless and praise our faithful and covenant keeping God. Grateful for the past and hopeful for the future, we would say:—

"The Lord of us hath mindful been
And He will bless us still."