

## KNOX COLLEGE.

CLOSING EXERCISES FOR THE SESSION—PORTRAIT OF LATE PROFESSOR THOMSON PRESENTED BY THE ALUMNI—CONFERRING OF DEGREES.

Commencement at Knox College began on Wednesday of last week when the annual meeting of the Alumni was held, Rev. John Neill presiding. Rev. Messrs. T. F. Fotheringham, R. McNair, S. Henderson, W. G. Hanna, R. C. Tibb, R. Pettigrow, E. R. Hutt, F. Hallantyne, J. C. Tibb, T. Fenwick, Neill Morrison, J. C. McKee, L. H. Jordan, A. Gilray, W. Burns, J. McP. Scott, C. Fletcher, J. W. Somerville, R. S. G. Anderson, J. McNab, H. Haddon, P. Starratt, and John Mutch were present. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Rev. P. Starratt; Vice-President, Rev. W. G. Wallace; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. W. A. J. Martin; Missionary Treasurer, Rev. W. Burns; Committee, Rev. Messrs. Argo, Scott, Gilray, Eastman, and Neill, and the following undergraduates:—Messrs. G. A. Fisker and S. A. Ross. Rev. Dr. Somerville, of Owen Sound, was elected the representative of the alumni in the Senate. With regard to the post-graduate course, a resolution was adopted approving of it. The course will begin on the second Tuesday in January, 1896. The report of the managers of the Knox College Monthly showed \$950 of assets against liabilities amounting to \$630.40. The Editorial Board of the Monthly was thanked heartily and re-elected, as follows:—Rev. Messrs. Haddon, Strath, George Logie, and W. G. Wallace. The treasurer's report made a most satisfactory showing, with a balance of \$30 on hand. The mission treasurer's report showed that the receipts for the year were \$1,100, and the expenditure \$1,200. The graduating class of this year, however, has sent in a subscription of \$167 per annum, which places the fund in a satisfactory position. At the evening session there was an interesting discussion, led by Rev. A. Gilray, on the question, "How Best to Secure the Settlement of Pastors and Pastoral Charges."

## CONVOCATION.

Convocation took place on Thursday last, in the College hall. The attendance was large. Rev. Principal Caven presided, and with him on the dais were Dr. McLaren, Mr. Mortimer Clark, chairman of the Board of Management, of the city, Rev. Professor Gregg, Dr. Proudfoot, Rev. John Neill, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church and president of the Alumni Association; Rev. Mr. Ramsay, Rev. W. G. Wallace, and others.

The proceedings began with prayer by Rev. Dr. Parsons, of Knox church, after which Rev. Dr. Caven delivered an address, in which he made an interesting review of the thirty years' history of Knox College, and paid a high tribute to the memory of the late Professor Thomson, whose singular power of mind and great spirituality and moral earnestness of character would long remain an influence for good. Dr. Caven said that Professor Thomson's place had been filled by Rev. D. M. Ramsay, B.A., D.M., of Mount Forest, who has conducted the work in Old Testament literature, and by Rev. J. McIl. Duncan, of Tottenham, who had charge of apologetics. These two gentlemen had done valuable service. Dr. Caven dwelt briefly upon the insufficiency of the teaching staff of the college, which he suggested might be amended, if one professor should devote himself entirely to apologetics and another to Old Testament literature, to which the subject of Biblical theology should be added. He also drew attention to the inadequacy of the provision for the housing of the library, to which during the year 500 volumes had been added. He expressed the hope that the time was not far distant when either a new library building would be built, separate and distinct from the college, or the present Convocation hall converted into a library building and a new Convocation hall built.

Rev. John Neill, B.A., delivered an eloquent eulogium on the late Professor Thomson and at the close of his address he unveiled a port

rait of Mr. Thomson, which he then formally presented to Mr. W. Mortimer Clark, Q.O., the chairman of the Board of Management. Mr. Clark, in accepting the portrait, spoke briefly and felicitously. The portrait, which is a most life-like presentation of Professor Thomson, was greatly admired in its place upon the east wall of the hall.

Rev. Dr. McLaren then presented the name of a distinguished alumnus for the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, Rev. Dr. Edward Graham, now of Chico, California, who took his degree from Knox College in 1861, and after leaving Canada on account of his health, went first to Milwaukee, where he established a flourishing congregation, and then went to the Pacific coast. He is now director of the Theological Seminary of San Francisco.

Principal Caven, in conferring the degree in absentia, paid a high tribute to the character and ability of Rev. Dr. Graham.

The degree of Bachelor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. R. G. Murison, of Victoria, British Columbia, also in absentia.

Rev. W. G. Wallace next read the report of the Board of Examiners, showing the results of the recent examinations. The scholarship and prizes were awarded as follows:—

For students of first year, theology—Central church, Hamilton, scholarship, \$60. J. H. Brown, B.A.

Eastman scholarship, \$60. H. T. Kerr, B.A. Bloor street church, Toronto, scholarship, \$50, and Goldie scholarship, \$40, Geo. Milne and Alex. Stewart, equal.

Gillies scholarship, I., \$30, and Gillies II., \$30, D. M. McKay, B.A., and F. Roxburgh, B.A., equal.

Dunbar scholarship, G. Duncan.

The holding of the scholarship by Mr. Stewart to be dependent on the Assembly's action on his case in June.

For students of second year, theology:—Elizabeth Scott scholarship, \$75, J. A. Dow, B.A.

J. H. Cameron scholarship, \$60, and Knox church, Toronto, scholarship, I., \$50, W. M. Burton, B.A., and A. S. Ross, B.A., equal.

Knox church, Toronto, scholarship, II., \$60, T. A. Bell, B.A.

Loughrin scholarship, \$50, and Heron scholarship, \$30, D. L. Campbell, B.A., and H. Cowan, B.A., equal.

Boyl scholarship, \$30, A. Mullin, B.A., E. W. McKay, B.A., and W. L. Atkinson, equal.

For students of third year, theology:—Benar-Burns scholarship, \$80, and Fisher scholarship, I., \$60, R. A. Mitchell, B.A., J. McNichol, B.A., equal.

Fisher scholarship, II., \$60, and R. H. Thornton scholarship (memorial), \$60, E. A. Henry, B.A., S. Whaley, B.A., equal.

Jane Mortimer scholarship, \$50, and Cheyne scholarship, \$30, T. McCullough, J. C. Forster, and K. Pague, equal.

The following special prizes were awarded: Clark prize, No. 1—Proficiency in New Testament Greek, Lang's Commentary—R. A. Mitchell, B.A.

Clark prize, No. 2—Proficiency in Old Testament Hebrew, Lang's Commentary—A. W. Craw, B.A.

Brydon prize—Special examination on the subject of the Perseverence of the Saints, \$30—J. D. Morrison.

Examination for the degree of bachelor of divinity:—

Rev. J. McNair, B.A., Waterloo, passed the first department.

Rev. R. G. Murison, B.A., British Columbia, passed in both departments, and the degree, by action of the Senate, was conferred upon him.

Principal Caven conferred their diplomas upon the twenty-five graduates of this year, as follows:—J. H. Borland, M.A., J. Runttt, B.A., A. L. Budge, B.A., J. C. Cameron, B.A., J. A. Cranston, B.A., A. W. Craw, B.A., Andrew Edington, J. C. Forster, J. Ferguson, R.A., E. A. Henry, B.A., W. T. Hall, John McLean, John McNichol, B.A., Iachlan McLean, M. D. McKinnon, T. McCullough, J. D. Morrison, B.A., S. McLellan, R.A. Mitchell, B.A., Donald Martin, B.A., R. Pogue, W. G. Smith, P. Tinkham, W. J. West, B.A., and S. Whaley, B.A.

Upon the close of the proceedings in the Convocation hall, the graduating class held

its final meeting before separation in one of the lecture-rooms.

The public meeting in connection with the commencement exercises was held in the evening in Old St. Andrew's church, which was comfortably filled with by a representative congregation of students and citizens. Rev. Principal Caven presided, and amongst those present were noticed Rev. Dr. Milligan, Rev. Dr. Gregg, Rev. Dr. McLaren, Rev. Dr. Turnbull, Rev. J. A. Grant, Rev. J. G. Potter, Messrs. MacMurchy, John A. Paterson, and others. The proceedings were opened by prayer and reading of the Scriptures by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Milligan, after which Principal Caven addressed the students, and especially the graduates, in a few earnest, appropriate words, taking as his key-note the text, "Mind thyself." Mr. John A. Paterson followed with an excellent address, in which he referred to a recent magazine article upon the question of the church's hold upon the young men. The last address was by Rev. J. A. Turnbull of West Presbyterian church, in which he touched upon the glorious mission of the minister of the Gospel, and proclaimed with joy and thankfulness that there were thousands of devoted men in the Christian ministry who could not be purchased or influenced by money, or any other worldly consideration. A most interesting meeting was brought to a close with the doxology and benediction.

## MONTREAL COLLEGE.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION PROCEEDINGS—DEGREES BESTOWED ON DISTINGUISHED MINISTERS—ADDRESS BY REV. PRINCIPAL MACVICAR.

ON Wednesday evening of last week, a large gathering listened to the closing exercises of the session of Montreal College. The meeting took place in David Morrice hall, and Rev. Principal MacVicar presided, and on the platform were:—Sir William Dawson, the Rev. Prof. Scrimger, D.D., the Rev. Prof. Ross, D.D., the Rev. Prof. Campbell, LL.D., the Rev. Prof. Coussirat, D.D., the Rev. Messrs. J. Clark Murray, LL.D., W. J. Smyth, Ph.D., A. B. Mackay, D.D., James Barclay, D.D., J. Myles Crombie, F. M. Dewey, C. E. Amaron, T. Snyder, B.D., M.A., Ph.D., Preston, Ont.; S. Lyle, B.D., Hamilton, Ont.; Robert Campbell D.D., Neil MacNish, B.D. LL.D., and John Crombie, M.A., Smith's Falls; Dr. F. W. Kelley, Prof. A. W. McGoun, B.C.L., and John P. Stephen.

The successful students were introduced by their professors as they came forward to receive their degrees and honors, amid congratulatory applause from the audience. Sir William Dawson introduced the candidates for university scholarships, and in doing so dwelt upon the value of university training as a preliminary to a theological course. The benefit of giving a broad general culture to the theological student would be felt by the student himself, by the Church and by the world.

The Rev. Dr. MacNish in presenting the students of the Gaelic class referred in an appropriate manner to the death of Dr. Blackie and what he had accomplished for the Gaelic language and literature.

The degree of bachelor of divinity was conferred upon the following:—the Rev. W. M. Tufts, B.A., the Rev. G. C. Pidgeon, B.A., and the Rev. J. R. Munro, B.A. These gentlemen were presented by the Rev. Prof. Scrimger.

The Rev. Prof. Clark Murray, LL.D., presented the Rev. S. Lyle, B.D., of Hamilton, Ont., for the degree of doctor of divinity. The Rev. T. Snyder, B.D., M.A., Ph.D., of Preston, Ont., was presented for the same honor by the Rev. Prof. Coussirat, D.D., M.A. The degree was also conferred *honoris causa*, upon the Rev. John Crombie, M.A., Smith's Falls, presented by the Rev. A. B. Mackay, D.D., the Right Rev. Bishop Cridge, Victoria, B.C., and the Rev. Daniel Macdonald, missionary of Estate, New Hebrides.

Mr. D. Hutchison, B.A., was the valedictorian. In his address he dealt at length with what Christianity has done and will do for the world. He described the present age