

CLOSING OF MONTREAL COLLEGE.

The closing public lecture of the Session 1870-71 of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was delivered the evening of Wednesday, 5th ult., in Erskine Church. The seats on the platform immediately in front of the pulpit were appropriated by the members of the Presbytery of Montreal, now in session, and the body of the Church was occupied by the public. The Rev. Dr. Macvicar presided.

The meeting was opened with praise and the Rev. Dr. Taylor leading in prayer, after which Rev. W. B. Clarke, of Quebec, delivered the closing lecture. He took for his subject: "The influence of the Bible in forming the character and institutions, and promoting the prosperity of the British Empire." The lecture was replete with historical facts of deep interest connected with the rise and progress of Protestantism. He referred at great length to the History of the English Bible, throughout its various editions, with the difficulties attendant thereon, from the earliest times; enlarging on the life and labours of Tyndale, who had to endure many trials and hardships, while yet his edition of the Sacred Scriptures was unsurpassed at the time, for perspicuity and completeness.

PROF. MACVICAR CLOSING THE COLLEGE.

At the close of the lecture, the Rev. Prof. D. H. Macvicar, LL.D., made the following statement respecting the work, progress and prospects of the College:—

SCHOLARSHIPS.—At the beginning of the session 16 scholarships of from \$50 to \$60 each were offered for competition. The following are the donors, viz:—Cote Street Church Sabbath School, St. Joseph Street Church (three scholarships for French students), and Messrs. Peter Redpath, Edward Mackay, Hugh Mackay, Alexander Walker, Alexander McGibbon, E. H. Copland, late John Redpath (scholarship endowed), Robert Anderson, John Watson, Mrs. P. S. Ross, Mrs. John Ross, Quebec, and John Mackenzie, Lennoxville. These scholarships, with the exception of two, are all given by citizens of Montreal, and may be regarded as one form of expression of the warm and generous interest here felt in the work and progress of the College. Their influence is most beneficial in securing a high standard of proficiency, and in stimulating students to special praiseworthy exertions. They have led during the past session to written examinations in a wide range of subjects, besides the preparation of essays of various degrees of merit, extending in all to 563 pages of foolscap. I trust therefore that with our steadily increasing number of students, the number and value of scholarships may be increased; and I shall not rest satisfied until we have Fellowships established which will enable eminent students to continue their theological studies beyond the term of three sessions, now required by the General Assembly.

AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS.—The following are the names of students to whom scholarships have been awarded, and the subjects of competition:—

John McGirr, \$50, for best written examination in Homer, Iliad, bk. X. to line 340; Virgil, *Æn.*, bk. VI.; Euclid, bks. I. II.; Algebra, Colenso, part I. to end of Simple Equations.

Robt. Whillans, \$50, for best written examination in Sophocles, *Electra*; Juvenal, *Satire III.*; Whewell's *Elements of Morality*, bk. I., Introduction II., Jus.; III., Morality; and Galbraith and Haughton's *Mechanics and Hydrostatics*.

D. H. MacLennan, \$50, for best written examination in Reid on the