

Fellowship in the belief that it would prove useful to the College and to the Church at large. It would be hereafter awarded on such conditions as the Faculty might determine. He intimated that steps would be speedily taken to increase the Library and to strengthen the professorial staff. He congratulated Mr. Herridge on his distinguished career as a student, and the Senate on the satisfactory results of the sessional examinations. Nothing in his power would be wanting in future to promote the success of an institution whose interests he had so much at heart.

The Registrar stated that the Rev. Geo. Barnfield, M.A., Brockville, Ont., had passed all the examinations for the degree of B.D., but was at present travelling in the East, and the degree would not, therefore, be conferred till next Convocation. He bore testimony, in behalf of the Faculty, to the very satisfactory character of the sessional examinations.

The Rev. Principal conferred the degree of Bachelor of Divinity upon the Rev. J. F. McLaren, '80, and Mr. John Mitchell, '81; the ceremony being conducted in Latin, and being repeated in each case, the candidate kneeling and placing his right hand in that of the Principal, while the formula of investiture was repeated and the hood placed upon him by the Beadle.

The hood which accompanies the degree of B.D., thus conferred for the first time in the history of the College, is exceedingly chaste, being composed of black corded silk, bordered with gold braid, lined with blue silk overlapping about half an inch. Mr. McLaren and Mr. Mitchell after receiving the degree took their places on the platform with the members of Senate. The Principal then said:

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE, AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—It is very gratifying to me to be able to state that, by the blessing of God, the past session of this College has been in all respects satisfactory.

Only one instance of sickness, and that not serious or prolonged, occurred among the sixty students in attendance.

For a spirit of devotion to truth, for conscientious diligence and marked ability in class-work and examinations, this year compares most favourably with any previous one. The winners of prizes, scholarships, and other honours are worthy of the strongest commendation, having gained these distinctions in keen and earnest contests.

To night, for the first time, we have exercised the power granted by our amended charter and conferred upon two of our graduates, the Rev. J. F. MacLaren and Mr. J. Mitchell, the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Both these gentlemen were distinguished students and closed their curriculum by gaining the gold medal. Mr. Mitchell continued with us an additional session in the post-graduate course, and Mr. MacLaren prepared for the final examination for this degree while carrying on the work of his parish.

I have been delighted by the testimony of examiners as to the high order of merit which characterized the papers of these gentlemen and of the others who have passed their first examination. And I am glad to say that a

considerable number are reading for the examinations to be held in September next. It is thus apparent that the varied scholarship and extensive research which the Senate demands before granting this degree are already appreciated and cannot fail to do much to elevate the standard of solid theological attainments in our country.

To night also for the first time in our history and in the history of Presbyterianism in Canada we have awarded a Fellowship of \$500, to enable the holder of it, after he has completed his studies with us, to visit one or more seats of theological learning in Britain or the Continent of Europe, and to avail himself of all the opportunities of improvement afforded by such institutions.

You have already been told of the career of the successful competitor, Mr. W. T. Herridge, B.A. We venture to hope that by God's good hand upon him he will continue to do honour to himself, to our College and our Church; and I feel sure that he recognizes at this moment the justice of the meed of praise which we most cheerfully accord to the two gentlemen, Mr. W. A. MacKenzie, B.A., and Mr. D. Currie, B.A., who competed with him for this honour with so much ability and who stood so near him in order of merit.

It is proper to add that they are his juniors by one session, and, judging from their past record in Arts and so far in theology, they have every reason to cherish the brightest hopes for the future.

I desire to express in the strongest terms the deep gratitude of the college to the founder of this fellowship, Mr. David Morrice, Chairman of our Board. The benefits which he confers on the church and the cause of sacred learning by this and his other princely gifts cannot be fully estimated.

Others will surely follow this noble example and increase, as is needed, the number and the value of the scholarships and fellowships connected with our ordinary and post-graduate course.

I think it scarcely necessary to say that our Board, under the chairmanship of Mr. David Morrice, is progressive, and that we look for still greater things in the near future—indeed, certain things are already determined. Our staff of professors is to be increased, so that the work of the several departments, proper to a fully equipped Theological College, may be thoroughly overtaken, and that young men coming from all parts of our Dominion, or beyond it, may enjoy the very best advantages.

Before the opening of next session a Steward and Dean of Residence will have been appointed, the latter to include in his duties the control of the library as well as certain literary work. There were only 30 vols. added to the library during the session as the gift of friends, and none were purchased, for lack of funds. A catalogue is being prepared and will be finished before the books are removed this summer to their place in the David Morrice Hall.

Let me express the hope that ere that time we may be able to form a book club, say of one hundred members at ten dollars each, thus yielding us an annual revenue of one thousand dollars. A first-class library, steadily supplied with the most recent works, is indispensable to Professors and students; and when placed in its new quarters and rendered properly accessible, our library will be a public benefit to all, and why should it not receive, at the very least, the measure of support just indicated?

Our past history is certainly fitted to evoke deepest gratitude to God and to our many benefactors, and to inspire