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The closing exercises of the Presbyterian College were held in St. Matthew's Church April 28th. There was a large congregation present including many Presbyterian clergymen from different parts of the Maritime Provinces. Rev. Principal Pollok presided and on the platform with him were Rev. Drs. Currie and Gordon, Prof. Falconer, Rev. J. Carruthers, lecturer on elocution, and Rev. Alex. Maclean, of Hopewell, on whom the degree of D.D., was conferred during the evening. After devotional exercises and a few remarks from Principal Pollok, Rev. Dr. Currie read the report of the year's work:

In reviewing the work of another year in the history of our college we have much reason to thank God and take courage. With few exceptions the health of professors and students has been good, and the work of the various classes has been prosecuted with a gratifying measure of success. During the term 46 students were in attendance. Of these 14 are of the third year and form the graduating class, 8 of the second year and 24 of both divisions of the first year.

Besides the routine of ordinary class work, the students have attended societies which have had for their object intellectual culture and practical training in church work. At the meetings of the Theological Society papers bearing upon important topics have been read and discussed, and the influence exerted by the Missionary Association has already been productive of great good.

It is also necessary to notice that the standard of attainment in preliminary studies is gradually rising. With one or two exceptions the members of the present graduating class have taken degrees in arts. Four have the degree of B. A., while eight have passed to the higher degree of M. A. This advance in the arts course is telling with beneficial effect upon attainment in theological work. This year five members of the graduating class have successfully passed rigid examinations for the degree of bachelor of divinity.

To say that our college is the foundation scheme of this eastern section of our church may seem to be an ambitious claim, but after all is there not good grounds for such a claim? For while from time to time we receive accessions to our lists from abroad—an infusion of new blood for which we should be thankful—is it not to this college we have mainly to look for supply for the home and foreign field? A large part of the synod roll—about two thirds—is composed of ministers who have been trained among us, while with hardly an exception our mission work is carried on in Trinidad and the New Hebrides by our own graduates.

Diplomas were then presented to the graduating class as follows:

GRADUATING CLASS.

Alexander David Archibald, M. A., Truro. Arthur Hayward Foster, M. A., Pictou. David Aunand Frame, M. A., Shelburne. Alexander Lewis Frazer, B. A., Pictou Co. Eben William Johnson, B. A., Stewiacke. George Fulton Johnson, B. A., Stewiacke. Charles Daniel McIntosh, M. A., Sunny Brae, Pictou county. John McIntosh, M. A., Malagawatch. C. B. Laughlin Hugh McLean, M. A., Strathlorne. C. B. William Wallace McNairn, M. A., Buctouche, N. B. Robert Murray, Pictou county. Edwin Smith, B. A., Merigomish, Pictou county. Ralph Grant Strathie, M. A., Harbor Grace, Nfld. Arch. Williamson, Edinburgh, Scotland.

This was followed by an earnest and impressive address from Principal Pollok, bearing on their college experience and their life's work in the Christian ministry.

PRIZES.

The following prizes were presented by Rev. J. Carruthers:

The Wiswell elocution prize for the best reading of the Scriptures has been awarded to Thomas Irving, B. A.

The Carruthers' prize for the best written examination on the work of the elocution class has been awarded to Harold M. Clarke, B. A.

The prize offered by the Rev. Roderick M. Leod, of Ripley, Ont., for the best examination in the Gaelic language has been awarded to Murdoch Buchanan.

Rev. Thos. Fowler at this stage announced that Senator McKeen, of Maplewood, Halifax, had presented each member of the graduating class with a valuable volume. The books were on the table and were delivered to the graduates at the close of the meeting.

The degree of B. D. was then conferred upon the following graduates.—A. H. Foster, M. A., A. L. Fraser, B. A., G. F. Johnson, B. A., J. McIntosh, M. A., R. G. Strathie, M. A.

Following this came the interesting ceremony of conferring the degree of D. D. on Rev. Alexander McLean, of Hopewell, a retired minister of the Presbyterian Church. Principal Pollok mentioned the interesting fact that he and Mr. Maclean came out to this country from Scotland together, and that the latter preached his first sermon in Nova Scotia in old St. Matthew's in January, 1853.

M. Strathie officiated as valedictorian of the graduating class and read a very excellent address, which was heartily applauded. After short but pungent, practical addresses—proposals on behalf of the college and the professors—the meeting closed with praise and the benediction given by Rev. Dr. Maclean.

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