

before the assembly last June. With clearness and comprehensiveness he described some of the work done in Manitoba, showing the necessity of a Building Fund such as Mr. Robertson is now raising. When he sat down with an apology for detaining the assembly cries of "go on" and loud applause called him to his feet again to finish his speech. As a graceful and pleasing orator, we think the class will accord McRae the palm. But the sun has spots and McRae is not perfect. I mention his grave defect: it attaches to no other member of the class—he is a bachelor.

WM. M. McKIBBIN, B.A., is a native of County Antrim, Ireland, but left the "ould sod" so early that the Land of the Maple Leaf claims him for her own, and Mac assents. After spending his school days in Ottawa, and there teaching a few years near the Capital, he entered McGill College. Having to paddle his own canoe, he desired to make his college career as short as was consistent with efficiency, and for part of the time combined the literary and theological courses, graduating both in Arts and Theology in 1875, and taking a respectable standing in both institutions. In the final year he received four prizes (two in money and two in books), for proficiency in Classics and Science, Public Speaking, English Essay, and Reading.

On October 7th, 1875, Mr. McKibbin was ordained and inducted pastor at Edwardsburg (now Cardinal), and in a day or two he returned to Montreal for the girl he left behind him.

Ever since he has remained in Cardinal, spreading his branches and striking his roots deeper in the hearts of his people, and in the esteem of the community and of his brethren in the ministry. His congregation have built and paid for a church, which is not only commodious and comfortable, but is an ornament to the village.

For four years Mr. McKibbin has been the very efficient and courteous clerk of the Presbytery of Brockville.

We have now two McKibbins in the ministry; but be it remembered that the subject of this sketch is *Cardinal McKibbin*.

WM. J. DEY, M.A., is a native of Hawkesbury, Ont., but spent his school days in Glengarry. He left home at the age of sixteen as school teacher, and thenceforth "paddled his own canoe." After teaching for three years Dey entered for McGill and graduated in Arts in 1871 and in Theology in 1875.

Besides winning prizes in money and books, amounting to \$475, he won the Logan Gold Medal for proficiency in Geology and Natural Science; and the Gold Medal in Theology. During his Theological studies, he was able to fill successfully for two years the position of Headmaster of the British and Canadian School, Montreal; and for two sessions that of Classical and Mathematical Tutor in the Presbyterian College.

Dey was ordained and inducted at Spencerville, Ont., on Jan. 5th, 1876; and has remained there ever since.

Nine months after his induction a very decided revival of religion took place in his congregation; and the work has continued to go on quietly under a large band of ready workers.

Two new stone churches were built in 1877,—one in Spencerville and the other in Ventnor, four miles distant. The Spencerville church is pronounced the most commodious and handsome village church in Ontario.

The Class of '80.

J. F. McLaren (Gold Medallist and McKay Scholar).

J. A. Anderson, B. A.	J. K. Baillie.
M. D. M. Blakely, B. A.	T. A. Bouchard.
A. H. McFarlane,	C. McLean.
T. A. Nelson, P. Ross, W. Shearer.	

Taking the Class of '80 for a text a very lengthy discourse might be written, and which, at the same time, would be topical, textual and expository, but

"Since brevity is the soul of wit,"

We "will be brief:"

Nevertheless we must have ten heads; for our theme is "The Famous Ten of '80."

J. F. McLaren is a Perthshire man, from Old Scotia. He received his early education in his native place. For four years he was teacher in the school in which he himself was a scholar. Afterwards, he taught in Sharp's Educational Institution. In '72 he emigrated to Canada, and taught successfully for three years in the County of Bruce. After completing his Literary Course in the Presbyterian College, and taking a partial course in McGill, he began the study of Theology. Diligently applying himself to the honour work throughout the three years, he secured the highest awards in each year, and reached a standard in his examinations seldom, if ever, attained by any of the preceding graduates of the College. He was the Gold Medallist and McKay scholar of the year. Soon after leaving college, he received a call from Euphrasia and Holland, which he accepted and where he still labours with energy. We notice he now occupies the Moderator's Chair in the Owen Sound Presbytery.

J. A. Anderson, B.A., a true son of the Presbyterian Manse. His father, a graduate of Knox College, Toronto, has been minister at Tiverton for the past twelve years; and, previously, was minister at Lancaster, where James received his early education, and also his desire to enter the ministry. Going West with his father, he entered the High School at Kincardine, afterwards the Collegiate Institute of Ottawa, and matriculated in McGill College in '73, taking a McDonald Exhibition. In '77 he graduated in Arts, and entered Theology the following year. He prosecuted the honour work of the first two years, and was awarded a scholarship in both. He was Valedictorian of his year. In October, '80, he was inducted into the united pastoral charge of Whitechurch and Fordyce, where his labours are being attended with the happiest results.

M. D. M. Blakely, B. A., whose parents came from County Down, Ireland, is another product of the Ottawa Valley. Pioneer life in that part of the world many years ago was not just so favourable to the development of the mental, as the physical powers. But the subject of our sketch was fully alive to the value of an education. There was "grit" in the boy; and, by perseverance, and untiring industry in a course of self-imposed study, he soon became qualified as a school-teacher. In this profession he was very successful. After taking a year in the Annprior High School, he resumed teaching, and in Sept. '75, entered McGill College, on his senior matriculation, after resigning a lucrative position as Principal of Aylmer Academy. Three years afterwards he took his degree in Arts, and two years afterwards graduated in Theology. In the fall of '80 he was ordained, and settled over his present charge, Ross and Cobden. Since then the congregation, which was largely supplemented and heavily burdened, has become self-sustaining, and almost delivered of its incubus.