

the graduating class are:—James E. Munro, B.A., Hope F. Ross, Duncan Campbell, B.A., Peter Fisher, D. MacKay, B.A., R. E. Knowles, B.A., James Buchanan, Colin MacKercher, George Lockhart and C. P. Way—ten in all. The Convocation was followed up by a public dinner to the members of the board of management, the graduates and other friends of the College. The Principal presided and delivered an eloquent speech, in which reference was made to the death of the Hon. Gilbert McMicken, who long took a deep interest in the College. Mr. Justice Taylor, Chairman of the College Board, spoke of the steady progress the College had made since 1872, the debt of gratitude they owed to Principal King for his arduous and most successful efforts to place the institution on a sound financial basis, and of the important work of the teaching staff, consisting of Dr. King, Professors Bryce, Hart, Baird and Thomson, and Mr. Reid, who had come to them this year from Toronto.

LABRADOR.—The Missionary Association of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, have undertaken the support of a missionary in Labrador during the summer. Mr. S. A. Fraser, who has already spent two seasons in colportage and mission work in Labrador, has been selected as the missionary. He is a Divinity student of the second year. It is probable that he will spend next winter and the summer of 1892 in this lonely and isolated field. Mr. Fraser will be accompanied by Dr. Hare, a young medical man of earnest piety, who is anxious to serve the Lord in medical mission work. He proceeds to Labrador without fee or reward—his outfit and expenses alone are promised him. Communication with Labrador is comparatively frequent and easy in summer, but in winter it is slow, tedious, infrequent and uncertain. The people are eager for the presence of our missionary, and they will certainly try to induce him to remain among them through the long, lonely and inclement winter.

#### WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The most remarkable feature about the present-day missionary enterprise is the active participation of women. Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, under admirable management, are doing grand work in all the churches. It is pleasing to notice that the women of Canada are not behind their sisters in other countries in this respect.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Mission Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (Western Division), was held in Kingston on the 14th and 15th of April last. Mrs. Ewart, president of the society, occupied the chair at all the sessions. The Foreign

Secretary's report, presented by Mrs. Harvie, gave a full and interesting account of the society's operations during the year, with special reference to the medical mission work carried on by Drs. Elizabeth Beatty and Marion Oliver at Indore, Central India. The report of the Home Secretary gave details as to the organization, extension, and administration of the society. The number of affiliated Presbyterian societies is twenty-five, of auxiliaries 471, and of mission bands 200. The total membership is 15,935, and the receipts for the year, including the balance from last year, were over \$40,000, and of that amount \$38,105 were handed over to the Foreign Mission Committee of the Church—truly a noble gift.

The ninth annual report of the Montreal Women's Missionary Society contains excellent addresses by Mrs. Paul, Miss McKercher and Mrs. G. A. Grier, the president, together with an admirable resumé of the work in its various departments—Home, French and Foreign Missions—by Miss McMaster, Recording Secretary. The gross receipts for the year were \$1,829.63.

The Women's Home Missionary Society of the Presbytery of St. John, have issued their eighth annual report in neat pamphlet form. The Presbytery's Home Mission field in 1891 comprised eighteen groups of stations, eight of which have by the aid of this society been formed into regular congregations. The receipts for the year were \$975.05. Rev. James Ross, of Woodstock, gives a detailed account of the work done during the past year. The officers for 1891 are:—Mrs. J. E. B. McCready, president; Miss Helen Adam, recording secretary; Miss Mary Cruikshank, corresponding secretary; Miss Upton, treasurer.

#### Obituary.

REV. THOMAS MACPHERSON, of Stratford, Ont., departed this life on the 12th of April, in the 81st year of his age. He was a native of Ballymena, County Antrim, Ireland, was educated for the ministry in Belfast, licensed by the Presbytery of Ahoghill in 1836, and same year ordained minister of Ballaghy, County Derry. After a ministry of thirteen years in that charge, Mr. Macpherson, along with Rev. Thomas Lowry and several others, accepted an appointment as missionary to Canada. He arrived in this country in 1849 and was inducted pastor of a small congregation in Stratford in connection with the Free Church. Here he succeeded in erecting a church, and in laying the foundation of