

As the law now stands, a Local Option bylaw must remain in force three years after its adoption, but if an effort to secure a Local Option bylaw fails, temperance workers may make another trial as soon as they think it wise. The new bill takes away their right to bring on a new contest until two years have elapsed after the defeat.

The new bill provides for the issuing by the Government of liquor licenses, authorizing the sale of liquor on vessels and on dining and buffet cars. The Government, however, has stated that this feature of the act is not likely to be passed.

The new bill provides for club licenses. Its meaning in this respect is not very clear, but it is feared that under it the sale of liquor may be authorized in clubs much more easily and generally than is the case under the present law.

A very bad clause of the new bill is one which the Provincial Secretary states is printed by mistake. It authorizes the selling of liquor to guests in hotels during certain hours on Sundays. The Hon. Mr. Hanna states that the proposal was not approved by the Government, that it has been placed in the bill by error, and that there is no intention of endeavoring to have it adopted.

WORLD'S C. E. UNION.

The reports of the officers of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, presented at the annual meeting held in Tremont Temple, March 14, show that the maximum number of societies has been reached in a world-wide total of 67,531 societies. The total in the United States is 43,250 societies; in Canada, 4,295; in Great Britain and Ireland, 16,772; in India, 613; and the rest in more than sixty countries. There were never so many societies in these countries as there are to-day, and there has been a noteworthy gain in each of them during the last year. The characteristic note from every land is a report of progress. The report from India stated that the seventh All-India Endeavor convention had been held in Allahabad, "The City of God." There were delegates from nine denominations and thirteen countries, and the constituency was international and cosmopolitan. The president-elect of the United Society of India, Burma, and Ceylon, for 1906, is the Rev. William Carey, great-grandson and namesake of the great British pioneer missionary in India. Two of President Carey's brothers were in the convention, and brought greetings from the Endeavorers of Australia and New Zealand, where they are pastors. Rev. Howard A. Johnston, D.D., of New York, commissioner of the Presbyterian Board to its missions in the Orient, was one of the speakers.

The outstanding feature of the convention was the addresses on a revival of religion. Special literature is being prepared for India. William Shaw, treasurer of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, reported that the total receipts had been \$9,241, and that there was a balance in the treasury of \$146. Contributions ranging from \$50 to \$2,900 have been sent to the following countries, where the money is expended under the direction of the leading missionaries of the different evangelical denominations represented there: China, France, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

When the Quarter-Centennial Memorial Fund is completed, and the International Headquarters Building provided, the saving in rentals and other expenses will enable the World's Union to greatly enlarge its work for young people in co-operation with the missionaries of all the evangelical denominations.

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MONTREAL COLLEGE CONVOCA-TION.

Inspiring Closing Ceremonies.

The David Morrice Hall of the Montreal Presbyterian College was comfortably filled last night on the occasion of the annual convocation, which proved one of the most satisfactory in the history of the college. Promptly at eight o'clock the members of the senate and the alumni entered the hall, and mounted the platform, preceded by the Rev. Principal Scrimger, who presided. On his left were Dr. C. W. Colby, the Rev. Dr. Coussirat, Dr. J. Clarke Murray, the Rev. Prof. Mackenzie, the Rev. John Mackay, the Rev. Dr. D. J. Fraser, and the Rev. W. R. Cruikshank. On his right sat the Rev. Drs. J. Edgar Hill and A. J. Mowatt, Principal Rexford, and the Rev. G. C. Heine.

The opening exercises, which were of a devotional nature, consisted of the reading of Scripture and prayer by the Rev. J. D. Mackenzie, of Knox church, Lancaster.

The presentation of prizes, scholarships, medals and scholarships followed.

In presenting the prizes of the Philosophical and Literary Society, Mr. A. R. Ross, B.A., the president, complimented the successful competitors on the success which had rewarded their efforts. Each prize consisted of ten dollars worth of books, the winners being as follows:—

Messrs. J. W. Woodside, B.A., in public speaking; in English reading, E. McGowan, M.A.; in French reading, P. LeBel; in French essay, P. LeBel; in English essay, M. B. Davidson, B.A.

Mr. D. Norman MacVicar, A.R.C.A., lecturer in ecclesiastical architecture, then awarded the "Judge Hutchinson" prize in that subject to Mr. H. P. Shortley Luttrell, who, he said, while taking exceptionally high marks, was closely followed by Mr. A. D. MacKenzie, M.A.

The "John A. McMaster" prizes for the best students of the second and first years in elocution, worth fifteen dollars and ten dollars respectively, were awarded to Messrs. J. W. Woodside, B.A., and James MacKay, the announcement being made by the Rev. Prof. Mackenzie. Both of the competitors were unavoidably absent. Prof. Mackenzie, in his remarks, paid a high tribute to the work of Prof. J. P. Stephen, teacher of elocution, and emphasized the necessity of all men, more especially prospective clergymen, cultivating their vocal and elocutionary powers.

Mr. L. A. Wood, B.A., winner of the special prize of fifteen dollars in Sunday school pedagogics, was absent. The Rev. W. R. Cruikshank, who announced the award, referred to the able character of the paper on the subject submitted by Mr. Wood.

In the absence of the Rev. Robert Johnston, D.D., whose prizes on Christian missions were won by Messrs. A. D. Mackenzie, M.A., and E. McGowan, B.A., the Rev. Andrew Russell made the presentation.

Mr. A. R. Ross, B.A., winner of the ten-dollar prize for an essay in pastoral theology on the subject of "The place and power of character in the minister's life," received the coveted gift at the hands of the Rev. Prof. Mackenzie.

The presentation of the university scholarships gained at the close of the session 1904-1905 followed, the winners being:—Messrs. J. C. Nicholson and J. S. Shearer, the Lord Mount Stephen scholarship; W. MacMillan and H. W. Cliff, the Stirling scholarship; J. M. Mackenzie, Brockville, the First Church scholarship; A. B. MacDonald, the Dr. Kelley scholarship; J. E. Bruneau, the Erskine Church scholarship. These consist of twenty-five dollars, with the exception of the last named, which is double that amount. Dr. C. W. Colby, of McGill, in awarding the prizes, pointed out the recent change in the Arts curriculum

on the part of theological students. Formerly they regarded them as scarcely necessary, while now they did not fail to study them.

The French scholarships, the Knox Church (Perth) theological scholarship, worth thirty-five dollars, and the Hamilton (MacNab Street) literary scholarship, worth forty dollars, were awarded to the respective successful competitors, Messrs. A. P. Blouin and P. LeBel, by the Rev. Dr. Coussirat.

Mr. R. G. Stewart, winner of the Nor'-West, or James Henderson, scholarship, valued at twenty-five dollars, and Mr. J. C. Nicholson, winner of the Lochhead scholarship, worth forty dollars were complimented by the Rev. P. Henderson, M.A., B.D., who presented them. Mr. Nicholson was not able to be present.

The Emily H. Frost scholarship of thirty-five dollars, awarded to the student showing the greatest proficiency in both the French and English languages, was presented to Mr. W. L. Tucker, of the graduating class, by the Rev. Dr. E. Scott.

The following scholarships, theological and general, for ordinary general proficiency, were awarded to the following students, Dr. A. J. Mowatt making the presentation: Messrs. L. A. Wood, B.A., '08, the John Redpath scholarship; James MacKay, '09, the Edward MacDougall Morrice scholarship; H. W. Cliff, '08, the St. Andrew's Church, London; J. W. Woodside, B.A., '07, the W. Brown scholarship; James Foote, '07, the George Sheriff Morrice scholarship; M. B. Davidson, B.A., '08, the Hugh Mackay scholarship; H. P. S. Luttrell, the Crescent Street Sunday school scholarship; W. L. Tucker, the Mrs. Morrice scholarship. The two last named scholarships had been won by Messrs. A. D. Mackenzie, M.A., and A. R. Ross, B.A., respectively, but owing to their having won other prizes, they were debarred by the rules from receiving them. Each of the scholarships consists of fifty dollars cash, except that won by Mr. Davidson, which is sixty dollars.

Dr. Mowatt also presented the Peter Redpath scholarship of seventy dollars, and the David Morrice scholarship of one hundred dollars to the respective winners, Messrs. W. MacMillan and E. McGowan, M.A. These two scholarships are awarded annually for general proficiency in honor and ordinary work.

The presentation of the medals was made by the Rev. John Mackay, B.A., who stated that between the gold medalist, Mr. A. D. MacKenzie, M.A., and the silver medalist, Mr. A. R. Ross, B.A., was a difference of only fifteen marks out of a total of twenty-two hundred.

The awarding of the William J. Morrice travelling fellowship of five hundred dollars to Mr. A. D. Mackenzie, M.A., and the McCorkill fellowship of four hundred dollars, to Mr. A. R. Ross, B.A., followed. Prof. J. Clark Murray, who presented these fellowships, dwelt at length upon the immense educational benefits to be derived from travelling. He referred to the many distinguished scholars, among them the great writer of political economy, Adam Smith, who had given up positions of great honor and trust to enjoy the advantages of travel. The majority of universities, he said, now recognized the value of the institution of a Sabbatic year, in which a professor might acquaint himself, by travel, with the latest advances in his department. He knew of no better way for philanthropists to spend their money than by establishing travelling fellowships. In this connection Prof. Murray said the government might well take action. The insertion in the estimates of a few thousand dollars for travelling fellowships for the benefit of Canadian institutions of learning would meet with general favor. Anyway, the money thus appropriated would be expended to

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