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PRESIDENT SAWYER.

We are informed that at a meeting of the Board of Governors of Acadia University held last week, Dr. Sawyer signified his desire to be relieved of the heavy duties connected with the Presidency of the University—duties which now for twenty-seven years he has been discharging with great faithfulness and eminent ability. A committee of the Board was appointed to consider this matter, but what further action, if any, was taken we have not learned. It is said that Dr. Sawyer feels that he has reached a period of life when he can no longer with safety continue to undertake all the onerous duties and responsibilities which he has hitherto carried, and the advice of his physicians is that he must lay aside at least a part of his burdens. Dr. Sawyer's proposal, as we understand it, is that he shall be relieved of the duties particularly connected with the Presidency, but continue his relation to the college as professor in the department of philosophy. The retirement of Dr. Sawyer from the president's chair will involve for the governors a difficult problem, but doubtless there will be a general disposition to meet his wishes as far as possible. As a teacher, it is conceded on all hands that Dr. Sawyer has few peers. His work in this respect is of inestimable importance to the college, and while it may be difficult to find a man who would so ably and faithfully perform the duties connected with the management of the University, it would be simply impossible to fill Dr. Sawyer's place in the class room. Whatever position he may for the future hold in connection with the institutions, we may be sure that they will continue to have the benefit of his mature experience and wise counsel. Every friend of the college should pray that in this important matter Divine wisdom may guide the counsels of those upon whom the duties of managing our educational interests rest.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLASS OF '71.

Class anniversaries have not, it is believed, to any marked extent, if at all, a feature of Anniversary week at Acadia. The classes which graduated in the early history of the college were generally small in number and the few, who have been able to meet on such occasions, after an interval of years, have been content generally to celebrate their anniversaries in a very quiet and informal manner. We believe, though we cannot make the statement positively, that the class of '71 has been the first in the history of Acadia to celebrate in a formal way the twenty-fifth anniversary of its graduation. This class was the largest which, up to that time, had been graduated from the College. It numbered twelve; and now, after battling with the world for a quarter of a century, only one has fallen out of its ranks. The personnel of the class is as follows: Wm. H. Warren, Atwood Cohoon, John R. Stubbart, W. B. Bradshaw, J. W. Bancroft, J. Nelly, H. Morrow; J. W. Longley, J. B. Mills, I. B. Oakes, Chas. H. Marsters and W. A. Spinney. Seven members of the class entered the Christian ministry, one of these, Rev. H. Morrow, went to the Foreign Field and has been for many years laboring with great earnestness and success among the Karens of Burmah. Two others, Revs. J. R. Stubbart and W. B. Bradshaw, are successful pastors in the United States. The names of Messrs. Warren, Cohoon and Bradshaw are well-known and honored among us. Johnstone Nelly, the sweet singer of the class, and a preacher of much promise, early fell a victim to disease and died lamented by many friends. Three members of the class, Messrs. Longley, Mills and Marsters, entered the legal profession. Two of these also have taken an active part in the political affairs of the country. Mr. Longley has for some years occupied the distinguished position of Attorney General of Nova Scotia and Mr. Mills has represented the county of Annapolis in the Dominion Parliament. These gentlemen are at the present time rival candidates for political honors in that constituency. Mr. Marsters is connected with the civil service at Ottawa. Mr. Spinney is engaged in educational work in the United States and Mr. Oakes is the worthy and successful Principal of Horton Collegiate Academy.

The Banquet was held on Tuesday evening at the Central House, Wolfville, where genial and attentive proprietor, Mr. Selfridge had made ample and excellent provision for the entertainment of the men of '71 and their friends. The members of the class present on the occasion were Revs. A. Cohoon, J. R. Stubbart, J. W. Bancroft, Principal Oakes

and Hon. J. W. Longley, five in all. Others, some of whom had expected to be present and had been disappointed, sent messages of regret and good-will. Among the invited guests present were President Sawyer, Drs. Higgins and Jones (the only members of the present Faculty whose connection with it dates back to the time of the class' graduation) Rev. T. A. Higgins, D.D., formerly Principal of Horton Academy, Dr. T. H. Rand, McMaster University, Rev. Dr. Kempton of Dartmouth, Rev. Mr. Trotter, pastor of the Wolfville church, Mayor Bigelow, of Wolfville, and S. McC. Black, of St. John. A number of ladies, wives of the members of the class or of invited guests, also graced the occasion by their presence. After cordial greetings had been exchanged between the members of the class and their friends and some time spent in social intercourse the company sat down to a most bountiful repast, which having been generously discussed, Hon. Mr. Longley as chairman requested Mr. Cohoon to call the class roll. This was done by Mr. Cohoon, with appropriate remarks and explanation. A number of toasts were offered in honor of the occasion. Hon. Mr. Longley proposed "The Queen," which was responded to by singing the National Anthem. Mr. Oakes, with appropriate remarks, proposed "The Faculty," which was responded to in a happy vein by Dr. Higgins and Dr. Jones. Mr. Longley proposed "The Ladies," responded to by Mayor Bigelow. Mr. Black proposed "The Class of '71," accompanying the toast with some remarks as to the personnel of the class and the success achieved by the men of '71 in the line of their various callings. The toast was responded to by Rev. J. R. Stubbart in a reminiscent and humorous speech which was much enjoyed. Then the company sang "Auld Lang-Syne" and dispersed. It was regretted that on account of another engagement, President Sawyer had not been able to remain to take part in the post-prandial part of the programme and that Dr. Rand, by reason of indisposition, had to retire.

Many friends will unite with us in congratulating the class of '71 on the attainment of the 25th anniversary, on its actual achievements and in the most cordial wishes for its future prosperity.

Anniversary Service.

The 25th anniversary of the Temple Baptist church of Yarmouth, N. S., was celebrated on Friday evening, June 5th. In 1871, at the organization, the church numbered 37 members, most of whom received dismission from "Zion" church to unite in the new organization to be known as "Temple" church. During their first quarter of a century the little one had increased from 36 to 289, as her present membership. A very interesting historical sketch of her history was read by the clerk, which "ketch" was hope to give to the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR soon. The services consisted of a grand banquet at 7 o'clock in the vestry, spread by the ladies of the church, to which the members only were invited. At this beautiful tea 150 church members sat down and after thanks to God by the pastor, all partook heartily. It was indeed a fine sight, and such a feast as the Divine Master Himself would have been pleased to attend when on earth. Our highly esteemed brother and sister, James Ross, Jr., prepared a handsome pyramic cake, which bore the dates 1871-1896. This beautiful cake was responded to by the pastor and wife at the close. The supper was a happy and joyous occasion and one long to be remembered by all present. After tea the company retired to the audience room of the church, where a good congregation were assembled for a more public service, when the following programme was well carried out: Organ voluntary and anthem by the choir; first hymn, "How firm a foundation," etc. The pastor then read the 4th chapter of the letter to the Ephesians and led in prayer. A brief historical sketch of the church was then read by Pastor Tooley, assisted by an interesting paper and was heard with pleasure by all. It grouped the history about the different pastors. Second hymn, "The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord." After this a stirring paper by Pastor Tooley, subject, "A New Testament church." Pastor J. H. Saunders followed with a most concise paper on "Christian progress for the last 35 years." Dr. Fritz gave a crisp address on, "A Forward Look." After singing the hymn "Beautiful Zion" and prayer by Pastor Saunders, the service closed with the benediction by Pastor White. The speakers all did well and we felt it was but fit to call to mind the kindness of God to this church and people. Six different pastors have served this church during the first quarter of a century, and their names and labors are remembered by the church with much joy. The music by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. J. H. Moore, was appropriate to the occasion.—Cont.

ACADIA SEMINARY.

The business meeting of the Alumnae of Grand Pre and Acadia Seminary took place at 2 p. m. on Monday, the 1st of June, in the Seminary building. The President, Mrs. C. B. Walden, of Antigonish, was in the chair. After devotional exercises the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. About 23 loyal daughters of the institution then responded to their names. The secretary's report revealed the fact that although the present state of the Seminary affords ground for encouragement, there yet remains a debt upon the building which needs to be paid. A committee was appointed to devise ways and means for the furthering of this worthy object. The society now numbers about 160. A letter was read from Mrs. Farquharson, of Halifax, stating that she wished to give \$40 for the furnishing of a room in the Seminary, to be called Farquharson. The society during the past year furnished 4 rooms at a cost of \$160. The treasurer reported \$76 on hand. The election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. Brough, Antigonish, President; Miss Edna Corning, 1st vice-pres; Miss Miller, Bear River, 2nd vice-pres; Miss Ida Jones, Wolfville, Secretary; Miss Clara Cohoon, Wolfville, Treasurer.

The fourth annual reunion of the members of the Alumnae Association of Grand Pre and Acadia Seminary took place at 7 o'clock Monday evening, June 1st, '96. Alumnae Hall was tastefully and beautifully decorated and comfortably arranged with easy chairs and rugs. Mrs. C. B. Walden, the President, in a few well chosen words welcomed the visitors. The room was filled with some of the noblest women of our three provinces and the grace and beauty of the younger members of the society cannot be surpassed. Miss Annie Cohoon, of Wolfville, charmed the audience by her exquisite rendering of a piano solo. A paper prepared by Mrs. Irene Elder Morton, entitled "The Truth Line," was read by Miss Alice Fitch, of Wolfville, as Mrs. Morton was not able to be present. This paper showed the true and noble, pure and sweet woman in every line. It was a prose poem and to give a brief abstract would do an injustice to the grand thoughts expressed so beautifully by the writer. Miss Ida McLeod, of Fredericton, gave the "Chronicles." This history covered only one year '88 and '89. The year Miss McLeod spent at Acadia. Miss Waldsworth was then principal and the past year was given by Miss True, principal of the Seminary, by Miss Loveston Yarmouth, a room was fitted up to be a library and reading room called "Lovett Hall." The writer touched tenderly upon the grief felt upon the receipt of a telegram from Germany telling of the news of the sudden death of Miss Butler, a former teacher of music in the Seminary. The death of the late Dr. Cawley was also mentioned. This paper was highly pathetic and brought up many incidents almost forgotten by the listeners. A vocal solo by Miss Florence Shand, of Windsor, called "When the Heart is young," was exquisitely sung and delighted those who had the pleasure of listening. After refreshments and a short time spent in social intercourse, renewing old acquaintances, making new ones, the meeting was called to order. An address of welcome was given by Miss True, principal of the Seminary, by the President. The sweet face and modest manner of all hearts as she spoke of her work in connection with the Seminary. She beautifully expressed the joy and devotion to her work in these words: "I can almost see a hundred bright faces and a hundred heart-beats." This institution must be a power for good in the land. Class responses were then called for. It is to be regretted that not one of the classes were represented. If the graduates realized the pleasure and profit which they would derive by being in Wolfville during the closing, they would make more effort to be present.

GRAND PRE SEMINARY.

Class of '87 responded to by Mrs. J. W. Manning, of St. John, nee Miss Sarah Bigelow. This class numbered four. Mrs. J. F. Tule, Wolfville, nee Miss Marie Woodworth, former principal of the Seminary; Mrs. Farquharson, of Halifax, also a teacher in the Seminary, and Miss Anna Blackadder, for 30 years a missionary in Trinidad. '78, Mrs. Trotter, of Wolfville, nee Miss Helen Freeman; '82, Mrs. D. McKernon, of Mass, nee Miss Lusk; '85, Miss Eva Andrews, Wolfville; '89, Miss Mabel Parsons, Halifax; '91, Miss Clara King, Truro; '92, Miss Mabel, Wolfville; '93, Miss Jeanie Easton, Kingston; '94, Miss Maud Harrison, missionary to India. She is on her way home from Chicago, where she has been attending the Missionary Training School. Miss Harrison impressed one with her fine Christian character. Her persuasive voice, will doubtless be a great power for good, as its tones are like the chime of a silver bell, or the ripple of running water, so low and soft and sweet. An excellent lesson in a woman, '95, Miss Edna Wyman, Yarmouth. This class is the most loyal of all Acadia's graduates, for out of a class of 16, 11 were present. '96, Miss Amy King, 11 were present. '97 will be a great addition to the strength of the school, and we predict a bright future for them. The meeting adjourned in the usual manner by the joining of hands in a circle and singing "Should and acquaintance be forgot."

Ontario Letter.

REV. F. E. DAYFOOT.

This is historic ground. On the 2nd of October, 1884, when Jacques Cartier sailed up the St. Lawrence, it was the Indian village of Hochelaga. On May 17th, 1642, when a band of soldiers, artisans and desult missionaries, it became La Ville de Marie de Montreal. Today it is a city of 250,000 population, in the streets of which monks, nuns, priests, merchants, preachers, tradesmen and manual toilers pass to and fro; and the various dialects of the English language mingle with the patois of the garrulous habitants.

The Baptist portion of the city includes five churches, with about 1,200 members. It was in this city that the eighth annual Convention of Ontario and Quebec, under the new charter was held, beginning Tuesday evening, May 26th, 1896, in the beautiful edifice of the Olivet Baptist church.

The annual address was given by Rev. Dr. Dempsey, the President. The Doctor is one of our most honored fathers and he spoke to us on "Fellowship with Jesus." It was an edifying topic and was admirably suited to the first session of the Convention.

The report of the Nominating Committee was adopted and as a result the following were appointed as a board of officers: President, Rev. T. S. Johnson, London; 1st Vice, A. A. Ayer, Esq., Toronto; 2nd Vice, John Stark, Esq., Toronto; Secretary, Rev. D. M. Mitchell, St. George. Committees were also appointed on enrollment, arrangements, resolutions, obitaries, auditing.

One special feature of the Convention was the provision made for devotional services. Instead of leaving the matter to chance, a devotional programme was provided, so that each morning one of the following topics was presented by a definitely appointed speaker:—"The Holy Spirit a source of joy and peace in service"; "The Holy Spirit the source of power for service"; "Personal Holiness the gift of the Holy Spirit"; "The presence of the Holy Spirit a reality"; "The believer a servant"; "The believer a saint"; "The believer a soldier." Thus the devotional hours were delivered from the bondage of indifference, and made a means of uplifting and strengthening.

THE CHURCH EXPENSE BOARD.

Has for 27 years been strengthening the things that are ready to die, using its capital of \$8,000 for the helping of weak churches to build suitable places of worship. Several churches have reduced their loans during the year and others have paid off their indebtedness. During the discussion, Rev. Alex. Turnbull, of New York, testified that of 1,100 churches in the western states that have died out, over 90 per cent died for want of a church home. The receipts of the year were \$1068.75; expenditure, \$1007.37; cash balance, \$61.38.

THE SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS BOARD.

Reported for the 31st time. This society has a permanent capital of \$30,000, and paid out last year \$1,940, to 7 aged pastors, 11 widows and 3 children. Special mention was made to the thirty years of faithful secretarial services of Dr. John Dempsey, and as the Baptists here love this venerable man, the word of appreciation was enthusiastically received.

HOME MISSIONS.

Our Supt., Rev. J. P. McEwen, is ill. He has long battled with disease and is now laid aside. The Convention spent some time praying for him. The report showed that in 1889, when Supt. McEwen was elected, we had 32,189 members, raising \$18,102.77; while now we have 40,956 members, raising \$25,158.06 for home missions. We have grown at a rate of 1,500 per year and added to our contributions by \$1,200 per annum. Since 1889, 41 churches have been organized, 54 chapels built, and 16 chapels erected, while 30 churches have become self-supporting. During the past year 95 missionaries and 80 students have been employed and the results are: 11 chapels built, 3 churches organized, 7 churches attaining self-support, and 375 have professed conversion and have been baptized.

Most excellent papers were read on "Canada and the great Commission," by Pastor Cross, of Carleton Place, and "The Bible an Impregnable Rock," by Pastor Gilmore, of Hamilton. On Wednesday evening, the President of the Board, John Stark, Esq., Toronto, summed up the year's work in a business-like address. Rev. Alex. Turnbull, one of the secretaries of the New York Office of the Baptist Home Mission Society, spoke on "Divine Leadership in Home Missions." Mr. Turnbull is one of Canada's gifts to the United States Baptists and was very heartily received by his

Canadian friends. The closing address of the evening was given by Rev. D. Spencer, of Brantford First Church, on "The Importance of aggressive Home Mission work."

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We are coming and going. Brethren Stillwell and Priest, with their wives and Miss Pearl Smith, M. D., are now safely located in their fields in India. We are glad to see the staff increased, but Brethren Craig and Davis, with their families, have been compelled to return to Canada, leaving heavy burdens for those who remain to carry.

An important decision has been reached concerning the salaries of the missionaries. A married man will receive an outfit of \$300 to be paid by instalments during the first three years of his residence abroad. His salary will be \$800 per year for the first and second years, and after that \$1,000 per year for five years, then \$1,200 per annum permanently.

A single man will receive an outfit of \$150, to be repaid in instalments, \$500 the first two years, \$600 for each following year until he takes charge of a station when he will receive \$750.

On Thursday, a married man is to receive \$750 per year with \$50 for each child up to five, while a single man will have \$400. The receipts for the year were \$30,252.47; expenditure \$36,458.74; over draft, \$6,206.27. The baptisms of the year were 455. Self-support among the native Christians is gradually, yet rapidly increasing, and the aim is to make such universal.

The session of Thursday evening was one of great interest. We are always glad to welcome our brethren who return from the foreign field, and when Revs. John Craig, J. E. Davis and H. F. Lafamme stood before us they received an ovation. Fifteen minute addresses, thrilling and earnest, were given by these missionaries, and then Dr. L. J. Campbell, of New York, who for years was closely identified with our Foreign Mission Society, came on for the closing speech. The Doctor has a mastery of his thunder by going to the other side of the lines, and he lifted the convention to the cheering point by his contagious enthusiasm.

OUR COLLEGE.

have had a good year. The professors and teachers have shown themselves not only sufficient in the class room, but earnest and consecrated in dealing spiritually with the students. Nearly all the students of the University are Christians and have done a great deal of mission work in and about Toronto. The enrolment of the year is, Theology, 94; Arts, 100; Woodstock, 137; Moulton College, 134; total, 465. Of the 16 graduates of this year's class, 11 are looking to the ministry. Of the graduates in Theology, 7 will settle in Ontario and 1 goes to Dakota, to a church composed of Canadians. The graduating class in Woodstock numbers 25, of whom 15 will enter McMaster University.

The treasurer's report showed an income of \$15,594.06. The evening meeting on Friday was given to Dr. Deason and Chancellor Wallace, and right valiantly did they robbed of God, and you were the truth. "Debt is extravagant. Hundreds of dollars of interest must be paid by our Foreign Mission Board every year in order that our debts be carried. We have robbed ourselves to that extent." "Debt is unnecessary. If we can pay for our mission work in the end we can pay for it in the beginning. We are not more able but more stirred."

It is to this last statement that debt is not only disgraceful and extravagant but also unnecessary that I wish to call your special attention. I take it for granted that each one who hears me has done her full duty in giving to missions thought, time, self and money; that each has taken this question to God and settled it with Him. I speak to you as leaders, thinkers and fulfillers in missions. What I ask of you is to believe that debt is an unnecessary part of mission work. Belief moves the world. Believe and some one will believe with you. Beliefs contagious, only, however, when the case is pronounced. If we "take belief thoroughly it will spread."

... What I ask is that, with heart and soul, throw ourselves into the creation of a sentiment against mission debts. ... I believe that through the woman here and the societies of women which can in every State be reached through you, that without deviating one whit from the lines on which we are now working, such a feeling against debts can be created that in a few years they shall be wiped out forever from our mission books—How?

First, by urging societies to make their gifts to missions larger during June, July and August than in any other month of the year. Work, it is true, languishes in the cities during that time, but in the country, where the majority of the societies are, it should not be so. Second, by creating a sentiment for larger gifts for missions from women. Ten cents a month to be divided, as in the majority of cases, between Home, Foreign and State missions is hopeful for a beginning of benevolence, but pitiful as an end.

Third, as individual members of churches create, the opinion that every church member should give something to missions. Fourth, believe and keep on believing that each church should have a system of giving. A poor system is better than none. Create a sentiment for the best possible now, and pray for a better. And lastly, let us be gladly willing to take our place by the Paul-commanded Phoebe, and be servants of the church, collecting something from every member. But, ere we can do this as unto the Lord, we must have a new, through and through belief in the high character of giving. Throw aside apology, diffidence and minimizing in asking for God's work. Imbibe the beauty and grace of liberality. Remember the words of our Lord Jesus here: He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and remember He knew, He had tried it. He gave up all and found it more blessed. Let us not be afraid but thankful in bringing this blessing to others, and in blessing we shall be blessed."

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PRAYER POINTS FOR JUNE.

For Brother and Sister Corey at Parlatim, that a great blessing may attend their work and that those who wish to confess Christ may have the hindrances removed. That our associations may be directed by the Holy Spirit and their influence tell for the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

Notes.

There will be a meeting of the W. M. A. Societies at Nictaux, Saturday, June 13, in connection with the Western Association. We are looking forward dear sister to your coming among us with great expectancy, praying that you may come filled with the Spirit's power that we may be aroused to greater activity in the Master's vineyard. Let us carry out our motto, "We are laborers together with God."

At Nictaux Falls, May 12, a Missionary Band was organized with 22 members. Some have since united. Pres. Miss Abby Cahoon; Sec'y, Miss Bartheaux. Yours in the work, Mrs. J. W. Brown, Cor.-Sec'y of An. Co.

Extracts from the Address of the President of the Women's Missionary Union which was delivered at its Eighty Session in Chattanooga.

"Glance over the world range of mission work, and if you can take in the joy and promise of the fact of 63,000 souls added to the churches in mission fields last year. Amid these times of darkness and signs of hope, what have we, the members of Christ's world-commissioned, Christ-accompanied church, been doing? Much and little. Debt loomed down the mission work of the churches. South, North, East and West. Heeds that might respond are listless; hands that might give, hold back. The debt problem is the mission problem of the hour. ... I wish to make some practical suggestions as to how we may aid in the solution of this problem as far as the work of Southern Baptists is concerned. I will briefly state three responsibilities with which you may or may not agree, but which, I shall in the main leave you to work out alone."

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