

COLLEGES.

MANITOBA COLLEGE OPENING.

The opening of the Manitoba college summer session in Theology, which took place last evening in the fine convocation hall of the college attracted an audience, which the principal declared to be the largest that had ever assembled on such an occasion. The assembly included not only the students and others more directly interested in the college, but also a considerable number of representatives of other denominations, both ministers and laymen; the ladies were also present in large number. In the opening devotional exercise, Rev. Dr. Bryce read a Scripture lesson, and Rev. John Hogg offered prayer. Rev. Prof. Beard, of the theological staff occupied a seat on the platform.

Rev. Principal King then welcomed the large number of students and friends of the institution who were present. He went on to say that, while this was the opening lecture in connection with the theological department, it was important to remember that the college was not simply a theological college. He was very unwilling that the services of the professors of the arts department, should be lost sight of. There had been enrolled in the arts department this year, including the preparatory classes and those in the special course which the church permits though it does not exact, encourage, 179 students; a still larger number than had ever been enrolled before in that department. It was too soon to say how many theological students might be in attendance; but the number he felt sure would be such as to bring the aggregate attendance of both departments to somewhat over 200. He expressed great regret that in the arts department they had this year been deprived of the services of Prof. Hart, whose long and severe illness had made a period of rest and change imperative. It was his pressing duty to say that according to the last reports, Prof. Hart's health continued to improve. He was at this time sojourning in the city of Geneva, and would shortly proceed to the opposite extreme, the city of the pope. The college continued to enjoy the services of Prof. Bryce, Prof. Beard and their excellent tutor, Mr. James, in this department, in addition they had enjoyed the services of three of their own graduates, and latterly of four graduates. Dr. Taylor taking with very great success and interest to the students a part in the teaching of philosophy, for which he had been very well prepared. Mr. Clark had had to take a heavy part of Prof. Hart's work, he believed with great satisfaction to the students; and Mr. McArthur had taken a large part of the teaching in French and German in which he was completely at home. Since Christmas they had had Mr. Bail, who had been attending to some of the junior classes. On the whole extremely good work had been done in the arts department during the past year. They would know better by the month of June what honors would come to the college. After all it was not the honors that came that were the best test, they had generally had their share, some believed more than their share, but whether many or few came, he would still believe that good work had been done in the arts classes. In the theological classes, Prof. Beard and himself expected to have the valuable assistance for the third session of Dr. McLaren of Knox College, Toronto, and, in the latter part of the session, for the second time of Dr. Beattie, of Louisville; also of Dr. Scranger, of Montreal. The principal congratulated the students that they would have very thorough teaching in the various departments of theological study. Two junior students, who were in attendance last session in the arts classes had passed away, Mr. McKenzie, son of a minister of the Presbyterian church; and Mr. Goodhue, of Emerson, who had gone to pursue medical studies in Chicago. There had also been removed within a short time one of the graduates in arts and theology, Rev. Duncan Campbell, who had been a diligent and faithful

student, genial and deservedly much loved by the students, and a faithful and laborious, probably over laborious minister of the gospel, in the one charge which he filled, and which he demitted a short time ago in Holland. His death mourned the younger, as well as the older, who were coming near the end of their active course, that the period for work is brief, and it is said to them, "Work while it is called to-day, for the night cometh, when no man can work."

Rev. Principal King then delivered a lecture on "A purely ethical Gospel examined."

Rev. Dr. Sparang closed the exercises of the evening with prayer.

KNOX COLLEGE.

Knox College convocation was held in Assembly Hall of the college on the afternoon, April 8th, when twenty-two graduates were granted their diplomas in Theology. Rev. Principal Caven presided, and with him on the platform were:—President Loudon, Rev. Principal Sheraton, Mr. Mortimer Clark, M.A., Q.C., Rev. Dr. Groggy, Rev. Prof. Robinson, Ph.D., Prof. Logie, Rev. W. G. Wallace, Rev. J. McCaughan, Rev. Prof. Ballantyne, Rev. Professor Proudfoot, D.D., Rev. Prof. McLaren, D.D., Rev. Prof. Wallace, of Victoria College; Rev. Dr. Moore, Ottawa.

The opening exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. Moore and Rev. Principal Sheraton.

Principal Caven delivered an interesting address on the work, standing and needs of the college.

Prof. Wallace then read the results of the examination as follows:—

Scholarships and prizes—First year theology—Central church, Hamilton, scholarship, \$60, T. R. Robinson, B.A.; Eastman scholarship, \$60, E. A. Wicker, B.A.; Bloor street church, Toronto, scholarship, \$50, C. M. Wyse; Goldie scholarship, \$40, T. Eakin, B.A.; Gillies, I., scholarship, \$30, J. W. Little, B.A.; Gillies, II., scholarship, \$30, R. J. Ross, B.A.; Dumtar scholarship, \$20, J. L. Murray, B.A.

Second year theology—Elizabeth Scott scholarship, \$75, G. B. Wilson, LL.B.; J. A. Cameron scholarship, \$60, A. G. Sinclair, B.A.; Knox church, Toronto, I., scholarship, \$60, R. W. Dickie, B.A.; Knox church, Toronto, II., scholarship, \$60, S. H. Gray, B. A.; Laghrin scholarship, \$50, J. A. Moir, LL.B. Heron scholarship, \$50, W. D. McPhail; Boyd scholarship, \$30, D. B. McDonald, B.A.; and H. McCulloch, B.A.

Third year theology—Bonar-Burns scholarship, \$80, R. Martin; Fisher, I., scholarship, \$60, A. Stewart; Fisher, II., scholarship, \$60, E. B. Horne, M. A.; R. H. Thornton, memorial, scholarship, \$60, F. D. Roxborough, B.A.; Jane Mortimer, scholarship, \$50, J. J. Paterson, B.A.; Cheyne scholarship, \$30, D. M. Mackay, B.A.; and P. Scott, B.A.

Rayne scholarship, \$50—C. M. Wyse, for proficiency in Hebrew on entering theology.

Smith scholarship, \$50—J. A. Moir, LL.B., for essay on "Love of God."

Brydon prize, \$30—Robert Martin, for special examination on "The Atonement."

Clark prize, No. 1, Lange's Com. N. T. Greek—E. A. Wicker, B.A.

Clark prize, No. 2, Lange's Com. O. T. Hebrew—T. Eakin, B.A.

Students who were examined and secured prizes in connection with the class in the Gaelic language—J. W. Maclean \$25; N. A. McDonald, B.A.'s, \$20; John Mackay, \$20; Finlay Matheson, \$15; J. H. McGilivray, B.A., \$10; J. C. Smith, \$10.

Scholarships open to students entering their second year at university—James Little \$15; third year Frank C. Harper, \$60.

The graduating classes were—J. J. Brown, J. Bailey, S. Cunningham, J. Griffith, W. B. Finlay, J. C. Wilson, R. Martin, E. Mason, D. A. Fowler, T. Menzies, E. B. Horne, G. Milne, J. W. McLean, G. B. Duncan, F. Roxborough, D. M. McKay, W. F. Richardson, J. J. Paterson, P. Scott, M. P. Floyd, J. G. Reid, A. Stewart.

FIRST IN CLASSICS.

First year theology—Greek exegesis—T. Eakin, B. A. Hebrew exegesis—

tation of the members of the church who extended to them a hearty welcome home. These were afterwards joined by others at the manse, who spared no effort in making their homocoming an occasion of genuine pleasure and surprise, finding as they did among other evidence of the people's good will and kindness an excellent supper prepared, old carpets replaced by new ones, etc.

The congregation of Martintown and Williamstown, of which the Rev. J. Mattheson is pastor, contributed the following sums to the Schemes of the church for the past year, name'y:—For Colleges, \$33.00; Home Missions, \$47.00; Augmentation, \$13.00; French Evangelization, \$268.00; Foreign Missions, \$291.00; Aged and Infirm Ministers, \$10.00; Widows' and Orphans', \$13.00; Assembly Fund, \$9.00. Total for Schemes, \$674.00. For all purposes, nearly \$2,000. Considering the number of families this is one of the most liberal congregations in the Presbytery of Glengarry.

The services at Knox Presbyterian church, Toronto, were of more than usual interest on last Sabbath, April 11th. They combined the anniversary of the Sabbath school with the 17th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. H. M. Parsons, D.D., as pastor. At the close of the morning service the children of the congregation who were baptised in the church seven years ago were presented with Bibles. In the afternoon the superintendent, Mr. J. Moerscholder presided. A parchment manuscript drawn up in 1844 was shown by Mr. W. B. McMurrich. He had recently found it among the papers of his late father, Hon. John McMurrich. It contained the list of 92 members who signed the document which formed a guarantee for the fund to bring the Rev. Dr. Burns, the first pastor of Knox church, from Scotland. Of the 92 who signed that document only one is now living. Mr. McMurrich, who was himself at one time superintendent of Knox church Sabbath school, presented the parchment to the officers of the church. Mr. Frost of the China Inland Mission, gave a description of an idol worship day in China. The Rev. Alex. McMillan, B.A., of St. Enoch's church, gave a special address to the Sabbath school scholars. The Rev. Dr. Parsons reviewed his seventeen years' pastorate, during which 357 Sabbath school scholars have been enrolled in church membership, and an average of 105 received into the church membership yearly.

Rev. Wilbur B. Crafts, Ph.D., superintendent of the Reform Bureau at Washington, D.C., occupied the pulpit at Chalmers' church, Kingston, Sabbath April 11th. The speaker first gave an outline of the work of the reform bureau, and stated that one great feature of its work was to uplift the people of South America who are centuries behind in reform. Taking for his text Rev. i. 10, "I was in the spirit on the Lord's day," he proceeded to deal with the question of Sabbath observance. As we grow from childhood to manhood our idea of the Sabbath expands to Lord's day, rest day and liberty day. The Sabbath day is the sign and ensign of the Lordship of Christ over the world. To break the Sabbath is to tear the flag and desecrate the monument of Christ, and this is equal to treason. He that breaks the Sabbath denies Christ. The nations who are strongest, morally and politically, are those who keep the Sabbath. A day of rest is essential to man who cannot do his duty without it. The Sabbath as a day of rest is necessary to prepare men for their civil rights, and to enable men to govern themselves. Never was the Sabbath in greater danger of being trampled upon than at the present time. In Canada we have the beginning of it, in agitation for Sunday cars and newspapers, and if not looked after will speedily mature, and the result will be disastrous. In the evening Sydenham street church was crowded and Dr. Crafts again in eloquent language gave seven reasons for the observance of the Sabbath, all having reference to the fourth commandment. He combated the views of Seventh Day Adventists and proved that Christ had regarded the Jewish Sabbath while on earth, but after His resurrection introduced and confirmed the observance of the first day as the Lord's day. The address lasted one hour and was convincing in argument and incisiveness.