

scholarships and endowments testify to the large-hearted liberality of the founders and benefactors of the institution; and the outcome of the work of the class-rooms has kept pace with this generosity. With the additions made to-night we have upon the roll of our alumni over two hundred and thirty names.

Next spring the number will rise to about two hundred and fifty, and of these more than one hundred and fifty are serving the Master within the bounds of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

At the time of the inception of the College it was found well-nigh impossible to provide missionaries and ministers for Eastern Ontario and the valley of the Ottawa and the Province of Quebec. This was a very serious state of things, and if allowed to continue would have weakened the Church, checked her growth and led to many disastrous consequences. It was urged by our founders, on the floor of Synod and Assembly, that the difficulty could be removed and that these evils could be averted by training men for the field within the bounds of this metropolitan city and in alliance with our great Protestant University. It was contended that loyal Presbyterians would not fail to respond to the call of duty in this matter, and the soundness of the argument thus advanced, more than a quarter of a century ago, is shown to-night by the facts just stated.

We have, by the grace of God, more than met the destitution then so clamant, and we have done so, and mean to continue to work in the same lines, in a manner which secures general approbation. In a true patriotic and cosmopolitan spirit we unite various races in our class-rooms, men speaking five or six different languages, and thus seek to bind together in Christian harmony the diverse elements of our youthful nation. It is well known that the population of the Dominion is heterogeneous; and no one will deny the right of all to hear in their own tongues the wonderful works of God. To secure this we have lectures in English, French and Gaelic. There are in Ontario alone, I am credibly informed, at least twenty congregations and many more in Cape Breton in which a knowledge of Gaelic is indispensable to the minister, and it is unnecessary to say how extensive the demand is for French.

In view of these facts, we aim at being thoroughly practical, keeping in all respects abreast of the needs of our country and age, and fitting ourselves into our environment by preparing men to minister effectively to the people in the languages which are dear to their hearts. But while this is the case, I do not wish to convey the impression that the College is in any sense provincial or local. The very opposite is the fact. Its Faculty, Senate and Board of Management breathe a healthy spirit of true catholicity. It is as broad as the Word of God in its aims, views and aspirations. While