

Our Mission.

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cludes both encouraging and helping those who are already Christians in their daily life, as well as trying to win others to Christ.

New students are asked to join as soon as they arrive. Prayer-meetings are held, and are conducted by the students themselves. Noon meetings and classes for Bible study have also been instituted. A committee is in attendance while the matriculation examinations are being held, to direct candidates to boarding houses, and in many other ways the interests of new students are cared for.

It was long felt that to properly carry on the work, a building was required, and at length, after much prayer, in the early part of 1885 steps were taken towards the erection of a new building. A site was given by the University Senate, many of whose members subscribed to the building fund, as did also professors and lecturers in the college. The students themselves contributed some \$200 out of a total of \$6,000, which friends outside helped to make up. The building was begun about a year ago, and, though not really finished, was opened last March. It is a red brick, one storey structure, with a basement containing lavatory, coal cellar, and furnace room. On the ground floor there are a secretary's office commanding a view of the entrance, a committee room, parlor, lecture and reading-rooms. The last three can be thrown into one, thus giving accommodation for about two hundred and fifty people. The woodwork is finished to represent cherry. The furnishings, which are in good taste and very comfortable, were the gift of the ladies of Toronto.

We understand there is a debt of about four hundred dollars due to the workmen and architect. The amount seems small, but is a large one for the Association to pay. The annual expenditure is sufficiently heavy without interest on a loan, for students are generally an impecunious class of people, and unless the money is paid before October, the Association will be hampered in its work.

This is a work in which all Christians should take an interest, and more particularly those who have had sons away at college or elsewhere, and to such as intend to send them to Toronto. As educated men are to be among the leading political, professional, and business men of our country, it is highly important that good influences should be brought to bear upon them as students. This is the work the Association is trying to do.

We sincerely trust that the young men at the head of the work may not be left to struggle with this debt. Should any of our readers be led to contribute towards wiping off all the indebtedness, we shall be pleased to receive their contributions, or it may be sent direct to Mr. A. H. Young, 58 Alexander Street, Toronto.

OUR COLUMN FOR PREACHERS AND TEACHERS.

By REV. JOHN MCEWEN, Lakefield, Ont.

[Aug. 22.] Warning to Judas and Peter. (John 13: 21-38.)

Jesus has finished the feet-washing, and the instruction thereon. He resumes His place at the table, with John on the right and Judas on the left. Opposite John sat Peter—hence the convenience of these four for what transpired at the table. The Lord's Supper was not instituted until later on at the close of the evening meal.

JUDAS WENT DOWN TO DOOM UNDER THE HIGHEST PRIVILEGES.

The man was never in sympathy with the person and teaching of Jesus, yet he occupied a position of trust. He was energetic, and interested in the poor. He was trusted to the last by his fellow-disciples; but all the while he was unfaithful—was a thief. Jesus knew the heart of the man, and truly interpreted his spirit by the incidents of his life.

Jesus foretold His betrayal. Matt. 17: 22; 20: 18. Here the betrayer is identified—singled out—while practising deceit upon himself. "Is it I?" Matt. 26: 25. Jesus was troubled in the spirit, and the disciples were startled beyond measure.

THE BETRAYER IS IDENTIFIED BY THE ACTION OF JESUS,

in answer to Peter's question. v. 24. "The sop" is a piece of unleavened bread dipped into the broth of bitter herbs used according to law. The giving of the sop to Judas served not only to meet the question put, but also as love's last appeal of friendship—and compassion to relent—but it was resisted; and Satan took full possession of the man. v. 30.

JESUS GLORIFIED BY THE EVENTS AT HAND, and the Father glorified by the Messianic work of the Son. v. 32. In the incarnation, John 1: 14. In His miracles, 2: 11. In His character, and now, in His sacrifice, Luke 22: 15.

THE NEW COMMANDMENT.

New in its setting as first in the new kingdom.

New in its motive—supreme love to the Saviour and Master.

New in degree—not "love thy neighbour as thyself," but "as I have loved you."

PETER'S BOASTFUL SELF-CONFIDENCE.

The beginning of his downward steps—which ended in his shameful but not total fall.

[Aug. 29.] Jesus Comforting His Disciples. (John 14: 1-14.)

The Passover has been observed with special solemnity; the Lord's Supper has been instituted at the same