

TAKING LEAVE OF PROFESSORS
BRYCE AND HART.

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Thirty-eight years ago, in 1873, Dr. Bryce came to the Red River settlement to found in Kildonan a Presbyterian college. One year later he was joined by Dr. Hart. During all the years since that time no cause for the moral betterment of Manitoba and the west has been without the assistance and support of these two pioneer educators and ministers of the church. A short time ago both resigned from the active duties of the professorships they have held for thirty-eight and thirty-seven years respectively.

Last evening, under the auspices of the Alma Mater society, graduates of Manitoba college to the number of considerably over one hundred, representing almost all of the years since the founding of the college, gathered in Manitoba hall to do honor to the two retiring professors. Beautifully illuminated addresses were presented to Dr. Bryce and to Dr. Hart, expressing high appreciation of their long and eminent labors and the grateful esteem and high regard in which they are held by their old students. The address to Dr. Bryce was presented by Dr. R. B. Mitchell and that to Dr. Hart by Professor F. W. Clark, while beautiful bouquets of flowers were presented to Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Bryce by Miss Bathgate and Miss Smith.

After the toast to the King, a toast to the college was responded to by Principal Patrick, who spoke of the high value of pioneer labors in education.

GRADUATES EXPRESS REGRET.

The feelings of the old boys of the various ages in the life of the college found fitting expression in reminiscent speeches by R. Ross Sutherland, Mr. Haggart and Dr. Montgomery. Isaac Pitblado told of very important services rendered to the university by Dr. Bryce in the settlement of the land grants and in many other relations, and spoke feelingly of the beautiful ideal of the cultured Christian gentleman given to his students by Dr. Hart. Principal Robert King, of Indore, India, told in humorous vein of the trials of teachers and the pranks of students, growing reminiscent of the old days in the college.

Many letters from former students who had been unable to attend were received, those from Dean Westbrook, C. Hyslop, J. R. Macarthur and Rev. Dr. Baird being read.

In their replies to the address presented to them, the retiring professors warmly thanked the graduates for the appreciation they had expressed of those ideals for which they had struggled throughout the long professorships and for this present expression of their love and high esteem. They acknowledged also what had been said in appreciation of the invaluable co-operation of Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Bryce in their work and of what these ladies had contributed to the social life of the college.

Among those present were graduates from as great distances as Revelstoke, New York and India.

FAREWELL-ADDRESSES.

The addresses were as follows

To the Reverend Professor George Bryce, D.D., LL.D.:

Reverend and Dear Sir,—We, the alumni of Manitoba college, desire to express to you our high esteem and grateful thanks for your manifold activities, unstinted labors and tireless devotion to every good cause that has had for its aim the moral, spiritual and intellectual upbuilding of this new land during the past thirty-eight years.

To you and to your revered colleague, Rev. Dr. Hart, will always belong the distinction, not only of having been the founders of the Presbyterian college in Manitoba, but also of having co-operated with Lieutenant-Governor Morris, Archbishop Tache and Archbishop Machray in establishing the University of Manitoba.

In your classroom many of us received our first introduction to the higher branches of mathematics, literature,

history and science, and it must be the source of no little gratification to yourself to see already some of your students taking leading places in the political, educational, ecclesiastical, medical, legal and commercial life of our country, and emulating that public spirit, of which your career and that of Principal Grant's has been outstanding examples.

To us it has afforded much pleasure to see your valued services towards our church and land receive from time to time such recognition as they well deserved. The Presbyterian Church of Canada honored herself in appointing you her moderator, as has also the Royal Society of Canada by electing you as its president.

Though this year you retire from the active duties of that professional chair which, through so many years, you have filled with great profit to your students and with much credit to yourself, we are consoled by the thought that now you will have more time to devote to those historical pursuits which for all time insure to you the title of Manitoba's first historian. It is our sincere wish that for many years our college, university and province may enjoy the benefits of your wise counsels and broad scholarship, and that the annual reunions of our Alma Mater society may have as its honored guests our revered professor and his gracious partner.

Signed on behalf of the Alma Mater Society, Winnipeg, Sept. 2, 1909.

E. GUTHRIE PERRY, President.

GEORGE E. ROSS, Secretary.

J. H. CHALMERS, Treasurer.

ADDRESS TO PROFESSOR HART.

To Professor Thomas Hart, M.A., D.D., from the members of the Alma Mater Society of Manitoba College:

Reverend and Dear Sir,—We, the alumni of Manitoba College, feel that we cannot let the occasion of your laying aside the active duties of the professorate pass without expressing our regret that you are retiring from a chair which, from the very birth of the college, has been graced by your presence. It is now thirty-seven years since you came to Manitoba College and the great west, and during that time your efforts have been tireless in furthering the interests of religion and education. It is no small honor to have been a pioneer in the formation of all good causes in a land destined to be as great as this, and to you, Dr. Hart, this honor justly belongs.

We of a later generation can imagine what were the difficulties, the privations, the discouragements, the self-denials of those early days, and we desire to pay tribute to men who, like yourself and Dr. Bryce, your colleague of many years, were steadfast and cheerful and hopeful amidst it all. During your long service in Manitoba your work has been as varied as it was ceaseless. To you, as a member of the council and board of studies of the University of Manitoba since its very foundation, as inspector of collegiates for Manitoba, as member of the advisory board, as convener and secretary of the committee on Indian missions, falls no small share of the credit of laying well the foundations of education and morality in the west.

But while we gratefully recall your services elsewhere, it is your work in the college itself that we know and value best. We who have sat at your feet in by-gone days wish to express our appreciation of you as a teacher and a man. We remember your ripe scholarship, your enthusiasm in expounding the beauties of the great classics, your patience and gentleness, your thoroughness and hatred of all work that was sham, your kindly interest and keen sympathy which led you to give ungrudgingly many an hour for consultation and advice. In taking a retrospect of these years of devoted service we feel, Dr. Hart, that you have every reason for satisfaction, for you are now reaping the fruit of the self-denial of former days in the influence you wield over hundreds of students and in the esteem and deep affection

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

A heavy earthquake was felt at Siena, Italy, August 25, where considerable damage was done.

The American Red Cross Society will issue 50,000,000 stamps this year. The society received over \$138,000 from the sales last year.

A petition against Sunday music in the Meadows has been sent by the Free Presbytery of Edinburgh to the Lord Provost, magistrates and town council.

An animal disease called the Siberian plague is prevailing in some parts of Asia. In Tiflis, Transcaucasia, four men have died from the disease and forty others have contracted it.

A Jesuit Father of Valladolid, Spain, Father Alcunde, has invented an aeroplane on entirely new lines. He has made many trials recently, with no small amount of success. The new flying machine has been called the Condor.

It costs \$9,000 a year to keep up the monastery of St. Bernard, in the Alps. Over 39,000 persons cross the mountains at St. Bernard's every year, and were it not for the Hospice hundreds would be lost in the great snows which set in September. Even the 20 foot high snow posts set to guide travelers are covered by snow and disappear.

MONTREAL.

The Rev. Dr. Mowatt and Mrs. Mowatt and family returned last week from their summer sojourn at Cap A l'Aigle.

Rev. J. D. Anderson and family have left Cap A l'Aigle, where they spent the holiday season, for Beauharnois, Que.

Mrs. Robert Campbell, St. Famille street, and members of the family who had been staying at Cap A l'Aigle, have returned to town.

The Rev. F. M. Dewey, D.D., has returned to the city and occupied the pulpit of Stanley Street Church last Sunday.

The Rev. G. Colborne Helne, B.A., has returned to the city after an absence of five months in Massachusetts, New Brunswick and Ontario, in good health, and will resume his pastoral duties in Chalmers Church.

The Rev. R. W. Dickie, B.A., minister of Crescent Street Church, has returned from his summer holidays, and last Sunday preached both services in his own pulpit. His morning subject was 'John Calvin.'

with which the alumni of Manitoba College regard you. These are the great rewards of a teacher, and to you they surely belong.

But we are glad to think that we are not really saying good-bye, for though you are laying aside the active duties of teaching you are still one of us, possessing the same warm interest in the welfare of the institution which has been so dear to you. May it be yours "within this life, though lifted o'er its strife," to have the clearer and wider vision of those things that will make for the good not only of Manitoba College, but also of the cause of higher and Christian education in our land.

We feel we cannot close without making mention of Mrs. Hart who, during all these years, has been your constant helper and faithful partner amidst all sorrows and trials, "Omnis curae casusque levamen." We thank her for her kindly interest and gracious hospitality which did so much to brighten our college days. It is our hope that we may yet again have many opportunities of welcoming you both to our gatherings. That you and Mrs. Hart may have many years before you of health and happiness is the earnest wish of every graduate of Manitoba College.

Signed on behalf of the society,

E. GUTHRIE PERRY, President.

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Winnipeg, Sept. 2, 1909.