

What though the world despise our labors, it is—

"Enough to know that through the winter's frost
And summer's heat, no seed of truth is lost,
And every duty pays at last its cost."

Enough to know that when life's work is o'er, if true to our Master, we shall hear His voice of welcome saying "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

In bidding our Professors and Lecturers farewell, we cannot refrain from referring to their efforts on our behalf. Night and day they have labored to fit us for the highest of callings. By teaching, replete with thought and words of power, they have endeavored to fill our minds and hearts with truth sublime. Moreover, in their teaching, they have exhibited a sincere catholic spirit, recognizing truth wherever it appeared, and, at the same time, warning and fortifying us against error in all its varied forms. While they have given us a comprehensive view of the various systems of theology they have always taken the Word of God as their chief text book and guide, and have sought, not only to instruct us in its letter, but also to fill us with its spirit. And now as we take leave of you, our Professors and Lecturers, permit us to hope that you may be long spared to render such admirable service to our country and our God.

But what words of parting can we find adequate in which to address you, our fellow-students; you who have shared in our pleasures and worries, in our joys and sorrows; with whom we have taken sweet counsel, and by whose word and example we have learned some valuable lessons? In bidding you adieu we can only express the hope, that, when you too have left these halls, your love and zeal for Christ may be such that we shall seek to emulate one another in the service of our common Lord and Master.

In saying good-bye to our many friends in the city, it is with pleasure that we refer to the cordial manner with which you have always entertained us at your homes. These expressions of good-will have assured us of your interest in our welfare, of your sympathy with us in our work.

And now as we say farewell, we have one request to make, we ask it not only from you but from the whole Church in Montreal, that you all with united breath may send up one petition to God for us.

That we may become great orators? No.

That we may be settled in good charges? No.

That we may be saved from persecution? No.

But that God may pour out His Spirit upon us, in such Pentecostal fulness, that we, clad with zeal as a garment and filled with the spirit of wisdom and of might, may go forth to win many conquests for our Lord and Master, and at last, with shouts of victory, enter the realms of the blessed, to receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

As we take leave of our Alma Mater let us hope that, by her influence, our College may become such a beacon of Truth in this dark Province, that her radiance shall dispel the sable clouds of superstition and idolatry, and usher in a reign of universal life and peace.

Next came the presentation of diplomas and address to graduates, viz.: Messrs. W. T. Herridge, B.A., R. MacNabb, B.A., W. H. Geddes and D. G. Cameron. By the Rev. J. S. Black, Examiner.

As each student came up to receive his reward he was addressed feelingly by the presenter, the remarks of the Rev. J. S. Black, the Rev. Dr. McNish, Professor Campbell, Dr. Jenkins and the Rev. A. B. MacKay, being especially touching.

The programme having been concluded, the Rev. Dr. Jenkins rose and said he spoke under feelings of pleasurable emotion, which made it difficult for him to say what he was about to as he could wish. He had an announcement to make. A telegram had been received that at five o'clock in the afternoon, Knox College, Toronto, had conferred upon the worthy Principal, the Rev. Dr. MacVicar, the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

The announcement was received with a perfect ovation, students and audience to the furthest corner of the hall rising and cheering with a heartiness that made itself felt.

Dr. Jenkins, when the enthusiasm had subsided, proceeded to speak of the gratification all must feel at the merited honor done Principal MacVicar by Knox College. It was a degree he had gained without solicitation. Indeed those who asked for degrees seldom got them. His friend had long since had honors bestowed upon him; the honor of building up the Presbyterian College, and bringing it to its present efficiency. Dr. Jenkins then passed a glowing eulogy on Dr. MacVicar, whom he had long intimately known, had sat with and co-operated with in the work of education, and had always found him to be the same, worthy indeed of the highest honors any college could bestow.

Principal MacVicar very cordially thanked Dr. Jenkins and Knox College, which he represented, for the honor conferred upon him. He then referred briefly to the success of the past session, and mentioned the significant fact that no fewer than 43 of the students were to be engaged in mission work during the summer. He alluded also to the distinguished career of Honor men and to W. T. Herridge, B.A., being the first to enjoy the benefits of the David Morrice Fellowship of \$500. He expressed the hope that other Fellowships might soon be rounded. He eulogised the career of Mr. S. T. Taylor, B.A., and congratulated him and the College on his appointment to the Foreign Mission field, thus forming a living link of connection between them and the great heathen world.

Crime Among the Clergy.

ONE of our local papers was publishing, some weeks ago, a long article on the above subject. The writer was trying to make out that in the last decade, crimes of all sorts have been "alarmingly on the increase," and predicts a sad future for the church of God. I may be allowed to express my convictions on this question.

Every Christian, upright man, regrets to see sin committed, and deems it his duty to condemn it; if the offender is one who claims to be a defender of truth, religion and morality, the more worthy of condemnation is he. I am not one of those who think that the sins committed by unworthy clergymen, be they Protestant or Roman Catholic, should be covered over; on the contrary they should be brought to light and the offenders reprimanded, punished, and if need be, expelled. I believe in wholesome discipline. None but godly, Christian devoted men should occupy the pulpits of our Christian churches.

I am not quite prepared, however, to admit that the clergy of to-day are less moral and less worthy of confidence than those of days gone by, or what amounts to the same thing, that the world is now witnessing an "alarming increase of crimes among ministers," or clergymen of all creeds. Any man who has read half a dozen pages of history knows quite well that just at the