

facts and doctrines, but to fit them for grappling with the everyday problems and duties of a pastor's life. The sum of the words spoken was : To secure this practical equipment requires the very best methods of instruction, as well as the best curriculum possible. As to the latter, Knox is well to the front. As to the former, our professors are hampered, being forced, through the defective literary training of some students, to adopt methods of instruction adapted to their abilities. Hence what is needed is to put our preparatory department on a more satisfactory basis. Either to mend it or end it are the only alternatives. Such a department is needed in the present condition of things ; therefore it must be mended. But how? If the congregations over which our alumni preside will only give effect to their pastors' sentiments by increased contributions, the senate and board will gladly appoint a professor of sound judgment, good teaching ability, and experience in dealing with men, to devote his whole time to this work. Our senate representatives were instructed to convey our sentiments to the college senate ; and we are pleased to learn that, while financially unable to engage the services of a professor just now, the board has engaged the services of one of the graduating class to be tutor in charge of the preparatory department. Mr. Logie is an able scholar, a good teacher, and will do much to mend what it was felt by our association must be mended.

Our new senate representatives are Messrs. Martin, Somerville, and Eastman, and the officers elect are : President, Rev. R. N. Grant, D.D.; vice-president, Rev. John Mutch, M.A.; secretary-treasurer, Rev. W. A. J. Martin; mission treasurer, Rev. Wm. Burns. Committee: Revs. R. Haddow, H. E. A. Reid, J. McP. Scott, D. M. Ramsay, and J. S. Henderson, representing the graduate alumni, and Messrs. Cooper and Budge the undergraduates.

CLOSING DAY.

On Thursday, April 6th, the session of 1892-3 was formally brought to a close. The commencement exercises were held in Convocation Hall at 3 p.m., and an unusually large audience turned out to witness the proceedings. Principal Caven presided, and with him on the platform were Rev. Dr. McVicar, Principal of the Presbyterian College, Montreal ; President Loudon, of the Toronto University ; Chancellor Rand, of McMaster University ; Rev. Prof. McLaren, Rev. Prof. Thomson, Rev. Dr. Wardrope, Rev. W. G. Wallace, and Wm. Mortimer Clark, Esq., Q.C.

The Principal, in his opening remarks, reviewed the work of the session, which was in every respect very gratifying. The attendance showed a good increase over previous years. Twenty-seven students attended lectures in the third year, eighteen in the second, and forty in the first. There were thirty-one in the preparatory department, and probably as many more