

Other members shall be welcome to attend the meetings, but the hospitality committee will not be responsible for their entertainment. The question whether a separate fee should be paid by members of the general society who are also members of auxiliaries was next discussed. The Society decided to make no change at present in the matter of fees. It was decided to hand over \$22,508.35 to Dr. Reid in order to make up, along with the \$1,446.65 in his hands, \$23,955, the amount required by the Foreign Mission Committees. A grant of \$3,000 extra was made for married missionaries, and \$309.21 for the Woman's Medical College and the Kingston Mission Band for a hospital at Indore. The remainder of the money, after the current expenses are paid, is to be expended as follows: The hospital, the boarding school, addition to the ladies' bungalow at Indore, any claim arising in the North West, \$600 to the Trinidad Mission, and \$600 to New Hebrides Mission. There was a discussion in reference to changes in the constitutions of mission bands, but no important amendments were made. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Kingston. Notices of motion were given that the officers be elected by ballot in future; that the word "girl" be changed to "child" in the constitution of mission bands, that the time of holding the annual meeting be changed from the second Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday in May. These questions will be discussed at the next annual meeting. During the afternoon Messrs. McArthur, Vallance and Aldous sang a trio. A collection of over \$100 was taken up for the Pointe-aux-Trembles Mission.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

The annual convocation of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was held in Convocation Hall on the 3rd inst., and was very largely attended.

Principal MacVicar occupied the chair, and around him on the platform were Sir William Dawson, Sir Donald A. Smith, M.P., Rev. Professor Scrimger, Rev. James Fleck, Rev. Dr. Mackay, Rev. James Patterson, Rev. L. H. Jordan, Dr. Kelley, Rev. James Barclay, Rev. Mr. Dewey, Rev. Professor Campbell, Professor Coussirat, Mr. J. Naismith, Mr. W. H. Smith, Rev. J. L. Morin, Professor A. McGoun, Rev. Dr. Neill MacNish, Rev. G. C. Heine, Rev. A. B. Cruchet and Rev. Robert Campbell, D.D.

Rev. James Barclay opened the proceedings with the customary devotional exercises, after which the prizes, scholarships and medals were awarded.

The Walter Paul Prize: Mr. W. L. Cray, B.A., C. W. Whyte, B.A., M. Maynard and R. McDougall. Sacred Music.—The George Hyde Prize: Mr. Charles, B.A., B.Sc. The R. S. Weir Prize: Mr. L. R. Bouchard and J. A. Morrison, B.A. Ecclesiastical Architecture.—The Dr. M. Hutchinson Prize: Mr. W. M. Rochester, B.A. The 2nd Prize: W. L. Clay, B.A. Rhetoric.—The Dr. F. W. Kelley Prize: Mr. J. G. Fraser, B.A., H. C. Sutherland, B.A. Scholarships.—University Scholarships.—The Sir George Stephen: Mr. J. Taylor. The Stirling: Mr. A. C. Reeves. The Drysdale: Mr. R. McDougall. The Slessor: Mr. W. E. Deeks, B.A. French Scholarships.—The First Scholarship, Theological: Mr. C. H. Vessot. The Guelph (Chalmers Church) Theological: Mr. L. Charles, B.A., B.Sc. The First Scholarship, Literary: Mr. M. Maynard. The Hamilton (MacNab Street) Literary: Mr. A. Sauve. Gaelic Scholarships.—The R. K. MacLennan: Mr. N. A. MacLeod. The H. MacLennan: Mr. K. MacLennan. The K. Campbell: Mr. E. MacKenzie. The second: Mr. A. MacVicar. The North-West Scholarship: The James Henderson Scholarship of \$25: Mr. W. T. D. Moss. Scholarships (theological and general): Ordinary General Proficiency.—The Greenshields: Mr. H. C. Sutherland, B.A. The Balfour: Mr. J. A. Morison, B.A. The Crescent Street: Mr. J. Naismith, B.A. The Hugh Mackay: Mr. W. L. Clay, B.A. General Proficiency in Honour and Ordinary Work.—The Anderson: Mr. J. K. G. Fraser, B.A. Medals.—The Students' Gold Medal, awarded to Mr. W. L. Clay, B.A. The Silver Medal, awarded to the nearest competitor: Mr. J. Naismith, B.A.

The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred *honoris causa* on Rev. D. Blair, of Barney River, N.S.; Rev. D. Morrison, Owen Sound, and Rev. George Sutherland, of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. The last-named gentleman used to reside in Nova Scotia, and is a somewhat extensive author. He was also chaplain of the Prince Edward Island Parliament at the time of Confederation, and was always a prominent as well as an able man.

Mr. W. L. Clay, B.A., and Mr. J. Naismith, B.A., are announced as having passed the first examination for B.D.

Mr. Clay, B.A., delivered a long and eloquent address. The Rev. Principal presented the diplomas to the graduates of the year, namely: Messrs. S. D. Angel, W. L. Clay, B.A., W. A. Cook, C. J. Hastings, D. M. Jamieson, W. J. Jamieson, H. T. Kalem, B.A., S. F. McCusker, B.A., J. Naismith, B.A., W. M. Rochester, B.A., and C. W. Whyte, B.A.

The Rev. S. J. Taylor, of Moose Jaw, gave the address to the graduating class.

The degree of Bachelor of Divinity was conferred on Rev. J. Anderson, Ailsa Craig, Ont. In conclusion the Principal delivered the following address. It seems proper that we should annually make known to our friends and to the Church at large the position and progress of our work, as well as our aspirations in the direction of greater usefulness. The main facts of our brief history are speedily told; but the beneficial results which flow from them, who can estimate? Our affiliation with McGill University, whose distinguished Chancellor, Sir Donald A. Smith, and Principal, Sir William Dawson, we are glad to have with us to-night, has proved mutually beneficial to both institutions. Many of our students receive their preparatory training in the faculty of arts; and I may be permitted to say that they acquire themselves creditably and gain a fair share of the distinctions and honours placed within their reach. In proof of this it may be stated that three, namely, Messrs. Clay, Rochester and Naismith, of our graduating class to-night, are gold medallists of McGill. We encourage and urge our students to take advantage of the broadest culture offered by the University before entering upon their three years additional course in theology. Through the good providence of God the work initiated in a very humble form in 1867 has grown to large proportions. These buildings, so admirably situated and in every way so well adapted for their specific ends, and for the greater part of which we are indebted to the liberality of the chairman of the College Board, are valued along with the grounds at \$170,000, and our endowment funds for all purposes amount to \$182,231, making a total of \$351,231. This is exclusive of the library, which contains over 10,000 volumes, many of which being exceedingly rare and useful, are of very great value. There were added during the year by purchase twenty-four volumes; by donation, 569 volumes; total, 593. Of these thirty-six volumes were the gift of the late Mr. M. J. MacLeod, B.A., Valleyfield, P. E. I., one of our alumni; a man of fervent and earnest spirit and excellent attainments, who was called to his rest on the 16th of November last. Rev. L. H. Jordan presented the Fathers—complete set in English—costing between \$200 and \$300, also the Encyclopedia of Missions. Rev. A. B. Cruchet fifteen volumes, new and valuable French works. In all, fifty-four volumes additional to the above. The number of students on the roll is ninety-four, of whom eighty-four were in attendance this session. These come from all parts of the Dominion, and some of them from Scotland and Ireland. Eleven have completed their curriculum this session and will soon be licensed to preach the Gospel. The alumni number 1700. Five of them are foreign missionaries, and the rest occupy important positions in Canada and elsewhere. Many of them are settled in Eastern Ontario, the Ottawa

Valley and the Province of Quebec; while some are pastors and missionaries in Manitoba, the North-West and British Columbia. The work thus referred to cannot but be regarded as eminently satisfactory, and the liberality of those by whom it has been supported deserves the highest commendation; yet it is to be regretted that the present income and equipment of the college are quite inadequate. To place the institution in the position which it should occupy, and to enable it to prosecute its ever-widening mission upon terms of something like equality in relation to the theological seminaries of Britain and the United States, the existing chairs should be all fully endowed, and, at least, two more chairs should be added, along with three lectureships and two fellowships. These endowments should be made sufficient to meet the depreciation which is taking place in the value of money and the corresponding increase in the cost of living. The lectureships would secure to the college the services of eminent specialists in different departments, from time to time, and promote the advancement of learning and culture in the Church by offering inducements to ministers and others to qualify themselves for the position of lecturers. The fellowships would prove most serviceable in the same direction by enabling superior students to prosecute post-graduate studies here and elsewhere. The number of students has for some time past considerably outgrown the capacity of the present buildings. Additional lecture rooms and dormitories are needed, and a large fire-proof safe for the preservation of records and other papers, and of some of the unique treasures of the library, which, if destroyed, could never be replaced. To accomplish all this a sum of about \$250,000 is necessary, and the General Assembly has repeatedly instructed the College Board to use all diligence to secure full equipment as speedily as possible. The treasurer informs me that about only one-half of the present revenue of the college is provided for by endowment, the other half being derived from temporary subscriptions and church collections of an uncertain character. He states, further, that even if no extension of the buildings or increase of the professorial staff should take place, an endowment of \$150,000 additional to the present capital is required to place the institution in a safe position for doing its work as heretofore. I have thus thought it well to keep nothing back, but to furnish definite information to our friends and benefactors that they may take the whole matter into generous consideration. All that is necessary for the accomplishment of our good designs, under the guiding hand of our gracious God, is the continuance of the large-hearted liberality of the past. We have already the "John Redpath Chair"—the first which was established—endowed by Mrs. Redpath, now \$40,000. "The Joseph Mackay Chair," endowed by his brother, Edward Mackay, \$50,000. "The Edward Mackay Chair," endowed by his nephews, Hugh, James and Robert Mackay, \$50,000. We are devoutly grateful for these and for all other benefactions which the Lord has enabled his people to bestow for the purpose of strengthening and extending the service we are seeking to render to His cause in this land and throughout the world. We go forward into the future trusting in God and in His Church to put it in our power to carry out upon a much larger scale than heretofore the letter and the spirit of our college motto: *Sermonem vite pratendentes*. I cannot close without referring to the sad announcement in this morning's paper of the death of one of our benefactors, the Hon. Hugh Mackay, whose integrity and success as a business man are well known to you all. His kind-hearted benevolence and what he did to further our aims can never be forgotten. His deep practical interest in this institution was shown from its very inception and his name will ever be inscribed on its history. Reference was also made to the death of Rev. J. J. Forbes, who died on one of the South Sea islands in October last.

Sir Donald Smith, who made a few closing remarks, was received with much enthusiasm. He was glad to be present at the closing exercises of the college; but more than all did he deem it a privilege to be present as representing the McGill University, of which they might all well be proud. Although holding the honourable position of Chancellor, he by no means looked upon himself as the head of McGill University, for there was beside him on the platform another gentleman (Sir William Dawson) who was not only looked upon as the principal head of McGill, but the head of education in Canada. He hoped McGill would be proud of her affiliation with the Presbyterian College, and that in the other hand the college would be proud of her association with McGill. Sir Donald had no doubt whatever but that all that is wanting for the college would be forthcoming in due time, for the good that has already been done by the institution is so well recognized that it cannot but recommend itself to the liberality of those who desire for the higher education of candidates for the ministry. It was very pleasant to see how touched Sir Donald was by the speech in Gaelic by the Rev. Dr. McNish, and he said, "Where is there anything to compare with the grand old Gaelic?" In conclusion Sir Donald warmly wished the college prosperity in all directions.

Rev. James Fleck pronounced the benediction and convocation closed.

OBITUARY.

HUGH MACKAY, MONTREAL.

At the funeral service of the late Hugh Mackay, Montreal, Principal MacVicar delivered a most impressive address, in the course of which he said:—Our departed friend and brother was naturally a man of strong will and deep and definite convictions. He uniformly evinced a determination to see things clearly and for himself, and having arrived at conclusions which he deemed just and right, he held them with tenacity of purpose, and carried them out resolutely and with all his native force of character. He cherished an intense sense of fair play, and detested meanness and unfairness in all their multitudinous forms. As a man of business, he was much better known to many of you than to me, but I venture to think that you will assent to the words in which I characterize him in this respect. His integrity as a successful merchant was untarnished. His word once given was to be fully relied upon. He believed in strict accuracy in keeping accounts and appointments and meeting obligations, and expected others to do so in return. He believed in honest, persistent industry, hard work, as the true road to success and distinction. He had no difficulty in regarding indolence as a cardinal vice, and little patience with those who idly dream of promotion and prosperity apart from diligent effort. His motto in this respect seemed to be, "whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest." His loyalty to the Christian faith found expression in practical action rather than in mere sentiment. Hence his hearty support of such work as that carried on by hospitals, and the Mackay Institute, founded by his uncle, and of which he was president at his death. Those who knew him best were always impressed with his profound reverence for the whole word of God, and the pastor and members of this church can testify to his regular and devout attendance in the sanctuary and his generous offerings for all church purposes, and especially for the extension of home and foreign missions. His name and memory will be cherished by coming generations, as well as by us, along with those of his brothers and uncles for the magnificence shown by them in favour of educational work of a distinctively Christian character. It is safe to say that their largest benefactions, whether directly in connection with this Church or otherwise, were for this purpose—a fact which is to be regarded as the outcome of a Christian spirit for which we should be devoutly thankful, because the material, the moral, and the spiritual advancement of the nation depend upon the truth, the saving truth of God, being thoroughly taught to all the people, and, therefore, he is pre-eminently the true philanthropist and practical far-seeing public benefactor who makes ample provision in this behalf.

British and Foreign.

THE Huguenot Society will hold its summer conference in July at Bristol.

THE late Dr. Anderson, of Selkirk, has left \$6,500 for the poor of the town.

THERE are no fewer than 146 applicants for the vacant parish of Cumbernauld.

STRASBURG University has conferred the degree of Doctor in Theology on Prof. Robertson Smith.

THE German University at Prague has an attendance of 1,543, an increase of 108 over the previous term.

LAST year a congress of coloured Catholics was held in Washington. This year another is to be held in Cincinnati, July 8.

THERE are seventy elementary schools in Calcutta under the charge of Christian missionaries with an attendance of 5,000.

IT is said that the weakest Presbyterian congregation in Derry gives more to foreign missions than the Episcopalian cathedral.

THE Rev. Dr. Andrew Thomson presided at a meeting held in Edinburgh, in aid of the French Protestant Mission in Basutoland.

A SITE has been secured in Albany Street, Edinburgh, for the deaf and dumb church, under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Hansell.

THE committee of Glasgow Presbytery on the housing of the poor have now finished hearing evidence and their report is expected next month.

THE Free Church College Committee discussed Dr. Dods' position at a lengthened meeting lately, but adjourned without coming to any formal decision.

AT the Cupar [U.P.] Presbytery, it was moved to elect an elder as the next Moderator. The Moderator and Clerk held that the motion was incompetent.

DR. THAIN DAVIDSON recently addressed the members of Edinburgh Y.M.C.A. in the Free Assembly Hall, his subject being "Grappling with the Lion."

CANON BUTLER, formerly principal of the Liverpool College and the author of several school books, is dead. Much sympathy will be felt for his widow, Mrs. Josephine Butler.

THE ten missionary societies occupying Calcutta are represented by thirty missionaries, fifty lady workers, thirteen native pastors, and about 400 Bengali teachers, preachers or colporteurs.

THE present King of Dahomey was educated in Paris and was supposed to have been civilized. Since his return to Africa he has distinguished himself by an unusually rigid custom of his ancestors.

THE new chancellor of the German Empire is descended from an Adriatic family that were once Roman Catholics; but became Protestants on the marriage of one of his ancestors to a Silesian lady.

SIR ALEXANDER CHRISTISON was chairman at a meeting in Edinburgh which resolved to make an effort to raise the income of the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission from \$65,000 to \$100,000.

MR. R. HUME GUNION, son of the late Rev. Dr. Gunion, of Greenock, has been promoted from the principalship of the Samaldas College, at Bhownugger, to that of the Rajkumar College at Indore.

A SCOTTISH concert with musical selections in Gaelic and English and bagpipe airs was given recently in Whitfield's Tabernacle, Tottenham Court Road, London, before a crowded and appreciative audience.

THE Rev. Robert Stewart, B.D., Jedburgh, has decided to accept the call from New Greyfriars' Church, Edinburgh, vacant by the transference of Dr. Cowan to the Professorship of Church History in the University of Aberdeen.

THE Rev. David Thomas, of Lockerbie U.P. Church, received a purse of \$1,150 at the celebration of his semi-jubilee, and Mrs. Thomas a silver tea-service and tray. This is the fifth presentation from the congregation to their pastor.

THE statistical exhibit of the American Province of the Unitas Fratrum, or Moravian Church, gives the grand total of communicants in the northern and southern districts as 11,358, with 1,387 non-communicants, and 5,346 children.

LATELY, while the pope at the Vatican canonized Bishop Ancina, of Saluzzo, a persecutor of the Waldensians in the sixteenth century, at the Quirinal the king nominated as knights of two Italian orders of chivalry two Waldensian pastors of Rome.

THE Sustentation Fund of the English Presbyterian Church is in a most flourishing condition. It not only permits of an equal dividend of \$1,000 to be paid to each minister but also of an extra dividend to those who have no manse.

THE Rev. Alfred Tucker, of England, has been nominated Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, to succeed Bishop Parker, deceased, who succeeded in turn Bishop Hannington, who was murdered by the order of the King of Uganda.

DR. AIRD, Dr. MacTavish, Mr. Macaskill and other ministers met lately at Inverness to confer on the proceedings of the College Committee in the complaint against Drs. Dods and Bruce. They resolved to proceed in the course they are following.

THE Free Church Committee on Revision of the Standards have decided to recommend the Assembly to leave the Confession intact, but interpret it by a new declaratory act. They will proceed at once to draw up such an act to be submitted to next Assembly.

THE Rev. J. Guinness Rogers, a prominent English Congregational minister, has proposed a congress of the Free Churches of Great Britain, to be held for purely consultative and fraternal intercourse. The proposition is received with much favour.

FATHER MATHEW's centenary has been worthily commemorated by the Irish Catholics establishing a temperance association in every parish. On the two last Sundays the priests read appeals from the altar on the subject of temperance by order of the bishops.

THE Rev. James Denney, of Broughty Ferry, is spoken of as the successor of Dr. Dods in Renfield Church, Glasgow. The congregation have also before them the names of Rev. W. M. Macgregor, Troon, and Mr. Halliday Douglas, assistant to Dr. Whyte, of Edinburgh.

CANON LIDDON is said to have been extremely annoyed at the manner in which impertinent busybodies have been dragging his name forward in connection with the See of Durham. There is not the slightest foundation for the story that the Queen has vetoed Dr. Lid-don's appointment to a bishopric.

THE new Free Church at Fort William, seated for 460, was opened recently by Rev. Murdo Mackenzie, of Inverness. The tower contains a bell presented by Dr. Charles W. Stewart, of Glasgow, in memory of his father, the first minister. The pulpit is a memorial of Dr. McMillan, the gift of his widow.

DR. McLAREN, of Houston, was observed on a recent Sunday to totter in descending the pulpit stairs and when the sexton entered the vestry he was found in an unconscious state, partially disrobed; before medical assistance arrived he was dead. Apoplexy is assigned as the cause. He was nearly sixty.

DR. R. H. GUNNING has now fulfilled his promise by giving \$5,000, the interest to be at the disposal of the Professor of Natural Science in New College, Edinburgh, for class prizes or in purchasing specimens for the museum or books for the library. The gift is designated the "Hugh Miller Memorial."