

Christ alone. Many of us have abandoned the false unsatisfying teachings of our earlier years, and accepted the Gospel. As yet we have merely tasted of the fruit of the tree of knowledge, but in this school our ambition has been aroused, and we shall never rest satisfied with our present attainments. We must go on, and as we have experienced the benefits of Pointe aux-Trombles, so it shall be our aim to speak of this school wherever we go, and if possible help others to the attainment of like privileges.

I have said we were happy at the thought of seeing our parents and friends, but what about those who have no home to go to, for whom there waits no mother's loving welcome, no father's words of encouragement?

Perhaps they have given up those earthly blessings for the sake of Christ, but we hope that they will remember the good lessons which they have received at this school, that they will put their trust in the Saviour, that they will understand that this life is only a preparation for the life to come, that the earth and its pleasures will pass away, but that those who have known God's love, and have spent their lives in His service, will be recompensed by a place in heaven for all eternity.

And now I should like to extend the thanks of the pupils to those whose helping hands uphold these institutions, and to whose generosity we owe so many benefits. Asking you to accept our heartfelt gratitude, we pray the Lord to bless and help you to continue your good work.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX.

CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

The closing convocation of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, took place Monday evening, April 27th, in St. Matthew's church, which was crowded by an attentive audience. Rev. Principal Pollok, D.D., presided. The graduates are the following named:

Alvin Henry Campbell, B.A., Elmdale, Hants; John Robert Douglas, B.A., Middle River, Pictou; William Rufus Foote, M.A., Grafon, King's N.B.; Duncan Murdoch McRae, B.A., Baddeck, C.B.; Alexander Francis Robb, B.A., St. John; Alexander Dinwoodie Stirling, B.A., Clifton, P.E.I.; Thomas Irving, B.A., Kent, N.B.

The Report of the Senate was presented by Rev. Dr. Currie. During the term just closed, the report stated, 45 students have been in attendance: 7 of the third year, 9 of the second year, and 15 of the second division and 14 of the first division of the first year.

The character of the work overtaken during the past season will compare very favorably with the record of any previous year, if the results of the two written examinations are regarded as a fair criterion.

It is gratifying to notice that the students who attend this college have aimed at securing for themselves a good preparation for their theological course. Of the 14 graduates of last year, 8 had the degree of M.A. and 4 that of B.A. Six of our present seven graduates have B.A., and one M.A., and it is expected that at least a large proportion of the present affiliated men will graduate in arts. At a time when the standard of attainment is being raised in other professions, and when the demands upon the pulpit are so exacting, the churches should see that the ministry keeps pace with the requirements of the day.

An interesting feature of our college life is the prevalence of an earnest missionary spirit. Two of our present graduates joined by a former graduate, go this summer to the foreign field. Of one of these missionaries, the students have most liberally undertaken the entire support. This is something more than "playing at missions," and may fairly be regarded as a practical expression of a deep conviction of the Church's duty and the individual Christian's duty with reference to the heathen world.

During the year the library has received valuable additions for which thanks are specially due to the Alumni, who, for several years have aided in stocking our shelves with recent theological literature.

Now regarding our wants—for colleges always are necessities—may be mentioned first a fireproof library building. Steps have already been taken to prepare plans and estimates, and a circular will soon be issued giving details and soliciting aid. Then we trust that in due time a second need may be met—one or two scholarships to aid our most promising students in taking post-graduate courses abroad. Many of the American colleges, and even some Canadian institutions, have provided such scholarships, asserting as a reason that it is desirable to have specialists throughout the Church, who may be instrumental in elevating the standard of theological studies, and whose services may be available when any emergency arises offering a field for the exercise of their special training.

As this College is very largely the source of ministerial supply for the Eastern Section of our Church and its Foreign Field, it should be regarded as doing foundation work. Judging from the

support which it is receiving, it has evidently enlisted the sympathies of the people, and this augurs well for the future.

Rev. Principal Pollok addressed some words of wisdom to the graduates.

Following this was the valedictory of D. M. MacRae, on behalf of the graduating class, a fervid address which was listened to with deep attention.

Rev. George McMillan, of Kentville, gave an address on some of the essentials to pulpit success. Earnestness, he thought, was the great factor. Where one pulpit is injured by sensationalism, twenty are languishing from dullness.

Rev. T. F. Fullerton, of Charlottetown, followed, mainly on the same line, the keynote of his terse and clear-cut remarks being that study—concentration of the minister's best powers in preparation for the pulpit, was the great thing. He quoted the saying that "a good man can write a sermon a week, an ordinary man two, but an ass can write half a dozen."

The choir sang a beautiful anthem while the collection for the organ was being taken up. The Benediction was pronounced by Dr. Gordon.

LOOKS INTO BOOKS.

THE MADONNA IN ART. By Estelle M. Harll. Cloth extra. Price \$2.00. Boston, L. C. Page & Co.

Almost all the publications on this subject have been little more than reproductions of the pictures, almost devoid of descriptive matter and too large to be handled with comfort. This is, indeed, an excellent book for the general reader who desires to gain a fair knowledge of the most celebrated Madonna pictures. Thirty-one paintings are represented in the illustrations, and the text, without being unduly technical, is sufficiently critical to give a good general impression of the value of each. Any intelligent reader quite unacquainted with art-history will be able to draw from this book a fair understanding of the important place occupied by the Madonna in painting, and also a satisfactory impression of the comparative position held by the great painters represented. It is a good book for reading aloud in the evening, both interesting and instructive to the family.

In honor of the four hundredth Anniversary of Savonarola, the Martyred Friar of Florence, the *Missionary Review of the World* for May gives a leading article of exceptional interest on the subject of his life and times. The author, Rev. George H. Giddins, of London, portrays this marvelously strong and attractive character with great vividness and vigor, and shows a clear insight into the trend of the times. Numerous illustrations add much to the attractiveness of the article.

WHAT YOU SHOULD READ IN MAY MAGAZINES.

"Two Deeds of Heroism." By Fredtjof Nansen. In "Harper's Round Table."

"The Situation in Cuba, Our Work and Observation." By Clara Barton. In "The North American Review."

"Two Great American Treaties." By W. Martin Jones. In the "American Monthly Review of Reviews."

"The New Reporter." A Newspaper Story. By Jesse Lynch Williams. In "Scribner's."

"Awakened Russia." By Julian Ralph. Fourteen Illustrations. From Drawings by T. de Thulstrup and Carlton T. Chapman, and from Photographs. Engravings by E. Schladitz and H. O. Merrill. In "Harper's."

"The Little Japanese at Home." By Ida Tigner Hodnett. Illustrated by Fouji, C. D. Weldon, and Mabel Loomis Todd. In "St. Nicholas."

"The Polar Zone." By John A. Hill. In "McClure's."

"The Care of a Girl's Wardrobe." By Ruth Ashmore. In "Ladies' Home Journal."

"The Peeresses of Great Britain." By Sarah A. Tooley. In "The Woman at Home."

"The Beethoven Museum at Bonn." By H. E. Krebbiel. With pictures by Louis Loeb. In "The Century."

"In London with Charles Dana Gibson." In "The National Magazine."

"The West Indian Bridges between North and South America." By J. W. Spencer. Illustrated. In "Popular Science Monthly."

"Spiritual Movements of Half a Century—Among Lepers." By the Editor in "Missionary Review of the World."

"Some of the Resources of Canada." By P. Kropatin. In "The Electric."

"Matters Diplomatic and Foreign." By William Hervey Curtis. Illustrated. In "The International."

"The Mammoth Cave." By Prof. Hoosey. In "The Methodist Magazine."

"Holy Island," by Sarah Wilson, in "Chamber's Journal."