

ster, B.A.; Exegetics, Donald McKenzie, B.A.; Apologetics, J. J. Elliott, B.A.; Church History, A. J. McLeod, B.A.; H. R. Fraser, B.A., and A. R. Barron, B.A.; Homiletics, Donald McGillivray, B.A.

Third Year.—Systematic Theology, James A. McDonald, John McGillivray, B.A.; Exegetics, A. E. Doherty, B.A.; Biblical History, A. E. Doherty, B.A.; John McGillivray, B.A.; Homiletics, A. E. Doherty, B.A., John McGillivray, B.A.

University Scholarships. First Year.—St. James Square Church, Toronto, \$60—W. C. Ewing, West Flamboro', \$50—J. M. Bell.

Second Year.—Alexander Scholarship (1), \$60—J. R. Sinclair; Gilbert Heron, Glasgow, Scholarship, \$40—Maniland.

Third Year.—St. James Square Church, Toronto, Scholarship, \$50—J. N. Elliott; Charles Street Church, Toronto, Scholarship, \$40—A. Carrick.

Fourth Year.—Alexander Scholarship (2), \$50—Peter McLaren; Alexander Scholarship (3), \$40—J. Crawford.

Principal Caven then presented the diplomas to the following graduates of the present year: Messrs. James W. Rae, Alexander W. Manson, D. G. McQueen, B.A., John A. Dohlin, James Argo, A. E. Doherty, B.A., Jonathan Goforth, D. A. McLean, James W. Orr, George McLennan, B.A., John McMillan, William Mowatt, Charles W. Gordon, B.A., James A. McDonald, George A. Francis, John Easton Browne, R. J. Glassford and John McGillivray, B.A.

Rev. W. G. Wallace, B.D., presented Messrs. D. M. Beattie, B.A., and W. S. McTavish for the degree of B.D. After appropriate remarks Dr. Caven invested them with the insignia of the degree.

Rev. Dr. Watdrope presented the claims of Rev. John McTavish, of Inverness, Scotland, for the degree of Doctor of Divinity, and Dr. Caven, in the name of the Senate, then conferred the honorary degree.

Dr. Caven mentioned that the subscription in connection with the endowment movement had reached the sum of \$19,893. It had not yet reached its maximum, however. The amount paid in at the present time was \$150,603.

Dr. Castle pronounced the benediction.

In the evening a public meeting was held in Erskine Church, which was completely filled by an interested audience. Upon the platform were Rev. Professor Gregg, Rev. Dr. Kellogg, Rev. Professor McLaren, Rev. Dr. Wardrope, Guelph, and Rev. Dr. Ure, Goderich. Principal Caven occupied the chair, and, after devotional exercises, conducted by Dr. Wardrope and Rev. John Smith, delivered an earnest address to the graduates upon the dignity of the minister's work, and the temptations that beset the young preacher.

Mr. J. W. Rae, one of the graduating class, gave a short address on the Social Life of the College. Including the Literary Society, Missionary Society, prayer meetings, Saturday morning conference and other social influences which he characterized as "unsystematic," namely, the college songs, conversation at the dinner table, and good-natured scuffles in the halls. Mr. Goforth, one of the graduates, who is going to the foreign field, delivered an address on the responsibilities of the Church and her colleges in view of the openings in heathen lands. Rev. Dr. Ure delivered a thoughtful and suggestive address, characterized by a high tone of spirituality, on the aim of the Christian ministry, and the means by which it was to be accomplished.

MONTREAL NOTES.

On Tuesday last the Presbytery of Montreal met in the church at North Georgetown, for the ordination and induction of Mr. George Whillans. After hearing Mr. Whillans' trial discourses, which were sustained, the public service was proceeded with. The church was filled by a large and deeply attentive congregation. The Rev. C. M. Mackerracher presided. Rev. J. B. Murr, of Huntingdon, preached an earnest discourse from the words, "Christ in you," after which the Moderator offered the ordination prayer, and the pastor and people were respectively addressed in suitable terms by Rev. D. W. Morrison, of Ormstown, and Rev. R. H. Warden, of Montreal. The Georgetown congregation is one of the largest country congregations in the Church, numbering 180 families and 424 communicants. The call to Mr. Whillans was cordial and unanimous, and he enters on his labours with encouraging prospects of success. The Rev. C. M. Mackerracher was presented by the congregation with a purse of \$50, in recognition of his services as Moderator of Session during the vacancy.

The Rev. D. Currie, B.D., preached his farewell sermon in Three Rivers on Sabbath, the 3rd inst. He is at present in the city, on his way westward to his new charge at Glenora, in the Presbytery of London. He preached in Erskine Church here on Sabbath morning, and in Calvin Church in the evening. Mr. Currie is one whom the Province of Quebec can ill afford to lose, and whose departure is a cause of deep regret.

The congregation of Vankleek Hill, which has been vacant since the resignation of the Rev. John Ferguson last year, is about to call the Rev. D. McEachern, of Dundee, of the Presbytery of Montreal. Mr. Ferguson is now settled in the State of California.

On the evening of Tuesday next, the 19th inst., the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa meets in Knox Church, here. A fair attendance of members is expected, though the lateness of the season and the unfavourable state of the roads may prevent some from attending, who would otherwise be present. The conversation to be given by the College Board in the David Morrice Hall on Thursday, the 21st instant, promises to be largely attended. Invitations have been sent to all members of the Synod—those for the elders, whose names and addresses are not known, having been sent under cover to the ministers. The invitations to members of Synod include their wives.

The exercises in connection with the closing of the past session of the college here were of more than usual interest.

The attendance at Convocation was very large, the spacious hall being filled to overflowing with the friends of the institution. Principal MacVicar presided, and was accompanied to the platform by members of Senate and others. After the usual presentation of scholarships, medals, etc., the degree of D.D. was conferred on Revs. F. R. Beattie, of Brantford, J. Mactavish, of Inverness, Scotland, and J. K. Smith, of Galt, the Moderator of the General Assembly. Mr. Beattie was presented by Professor Campbell, who stated that the degree was conferred after a searching examination, this college being the only one thus far who granted the degree of Doctor of Divinity on examination. Mr. Mactavish was presented by Rev. R. H. Warden. Though absent, the degree was conferred, Mr. Mactavish having written accepting it in response to an intimation that the Senate had unanimously agreed to confer it upon him. Mr. Smith was presented by Rev. A. B. Mackay. Prior to this the degree had only been given once before by the Senate, viz., last year, to Rev. Narayan Sheshadri, of India. The degree of Bachelor of Divinity was conferred on Rev. W. A. McKenzie, B.A., of Grafton, and Rev. W. D. Roberts, B.A., and Messrs. A. S. Grant, B.A., G. J. A. Thompson, B.A., and J. H. Higgins, B.A., were reported as having passed the first examination for B.D. Mr. S. Rondeau delivered the valedictory, after which the Rev. Dr. J. K. Smith addressed the graduates in an earnest, practical discourse. He also, in a few well-chosen sentences, expressed his appreciation of the honour conferred upon him, which he valued highly as coming from the college here, in whose welfare he had a very warm interest, and the success of which was so closely bound up with the best interests of the Church. Principal MacVicar, in his closing address, referred among other things to the growth of the library, upward of 700 volumes having been added during the year, including several works of very great value. One of these books alone is believed to be worth upward of \$1,000, and some of them, it is said, are to be found in no other library on this continent.

Of the students graduating from the Montreal College this year four are French-Canadians. One of these took the gold medal, and, as showing the position the French students occupy in the college, it may be remarked that during the past session one of them was president of the Missionary Society, and another was president of the Divinity Hall, though they number but a small proportion of the whole students.

These four French-Canadians who have just graduated were all pupils in former years of Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools. In no former years have so many French students graduated. It is encouraging to know that of the present pupils at Pointe-aux-Trembles four are expected to enter the Presbyterian College here next fall.

On the evening following the closing exercises of the college, the annual banquet of the Alma Mater Society was held in the David Morrice Hall. Three tables were set, extending the length of the hall, with a cross one at the head. About 160 ladies and gentlemen sat down. Among those present were the Principal and professors, Sir J. W. Dawson, many of the city and other ministers, and a large number of the Montreal friends of the college. The chair was occupied by Rev. D. Currie, president of the society. After partaking of supper, a number of short speeches were given in proposing and responding to toasts, and one of the most pleasant happy evenings spent that were ever enjoyed in the college.

On the afternoon of Thursday last the annual meeting of the Montreal Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society was held in the lecture room of Erskine Church. The Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D., presided. The annual report was read by the secretary, Miss S. J. McMaster, and reports from auxiliaries by Miss Samuels. The expenditure for the year was \$1,227. Addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Mackay, Doudiet and Cruikshank. After refreshments, provided by the ladies of Erskine Church, were served, an interesting, earnest address to the ladies was given by Mrs. Gordon, of Harrington, Ont. The following are the office bearers elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. A. Campbell, president; Mrs. Robert Campbell, Mrs. R. P. Duclos, Mrs. A. B. Mackay, Mrs. J. Nichols, Mrs. G. C. Heine, Mrs. J. Fleck, Mrs. W. J. Smyth, Mrs. T. Bennett, Mrs. C. Doudiet, Mrs. G. A. Grier, Mrs. Fairie, Miss Jamieson, Miss McCaul, vice-presidents; Miss S. J. McMaster, recording secretary; Miss J. Samuel, corresponding secretary; Miss Macintosh, treasurer; Rev. R. H. Warden, Rev. W. R. Cruikshank, Mr. D. Morrice, advisory committee; Mesdames H. Morton, W. L. Haldimand, William Darling, W. Paul, J. Campbell, James Brown, James Tasker, A. C. Leslie, T. Graham, D. Morrice, J. A. McMaster, D. Hood, M. Thompson, W. Drysdale, D. H. MacVicar, R. H. Warden, R. A. Becket, J. Robertson, J. Monk, A. McIntyre, G. Parker—Mackerracher, Misses Ramsay, Dunmore and Kerr, executive committee; Miss Duclos, superintendent of French Evangelization; Mrs. Haldimand, superintendent of Home Missions; Mrs. Paul, superintendent of Foreign Missions.

WILL CARLETON lectures, under the auspices of the Toronto Press Club, on the "Science of Home," in Shaftesbury Hall to-morrow evening.

DURING last year no fewer than 60,017 emigrants left Irish ports, 50,000 of whom found a home in the United States of America. Within the last quarter of a century 3,149,744 emigrants have left the shores of Ireland, or an army of people equal almost to the entire population of Scotland.

PROFESSOR HENRY MORLEY has nearly ready for the press of Cassell & Company a work of magnitude as well as of importance, which, completed, will fill twenty volumes—The History of English Literature. Mr. Morley's task covers the whole subject, beginning with the early times before Alfred and coming down to the present day. He has been engaged on it for twenty years.

Sabbath School Teacher.

INTERMEDIATE CLASS.

April 14, 1887.

JOSEPH AND HIS FATHER.

Gen. 47: 1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT: Honour thy father and thy mother, which is the first commandment with promise.—Eph. vi. 2.

SHORTER CATECHISM.

Question 18. Related as we are to our first parents, we are involved in the guilt of their transgression, because they in the covenant of works represented all their posterity as well as themselves. We are deprived of the righteousness that belonged to man in his unfallen state. We also inherit a corrupt nature, with an inclination toward evil. All this constitutes what is known as original sin. Then there follow all the sinful thoughts, words and actions for which we are individually responsible. We can never be safe and happy till we are freed from all the awful burden of sin. Christ came to bring us salvation from its guilt, punishment and power.

INTRODUCTORY.

At Pharaoh's suggestion Joseph sent his brethren to Hebron, well provided with food and means of transport for the removal of his father and all dependent on him into Egypt. Waggoners were employed in Egypt, but unused in Canaan. From the pictured remains like the chariots they appear to have been two wheeled vehicles. In due time, after a journey of about 250 miles, Jacob and his company arrive in safety, and the old man's heart is gladdened at meeting with his long-lost son.

I. Joseph Presents His Brethren to Pharaoh.—Joseph possessed great power and authority, but he does not presume upon that to act independently of his sovereign. He announces to the king that his father and brethren with their possessions have arrived, and he states that they are in the land of Goshen. Sir William Dawson, who a short time since travelled over many of the lands mentioned in the Bible, says that the scene of Jacob's settlement in the frontier province of Egypt was "probably the Wady Tumalt, extending from the modern Ismailia, on Lake Timsah, westward about eighty miles, to the eastern branch of the Nile. It is watered by the Sweet-Water Canal, running from the Nile to Suez. It is a few miles wide at its western end, and gradually narrows toward the east. It is still one of the most beautiful districts of Egypt." Joseph presented five of his brethren to the king. He had beforehand prepared them for some of the questions likely to be asked them. "What is your occupation?" was one of them. Every one should have an occupation. In God's world there is no room for idlers. Some occupations are in men's eyes more honourable than others, though all honest occupation is honourable. It has been said that an angel would not mind whether he were sent to sell trinkets or to rule a kingdom. Shepherds were an abomination to the Egyptians. Joseph does not wish his brethren to dissemble. They tell honestly what they are, and the purpose for which they have come—as sojourners—not as permanent settlers in Goshen. They are driven thither by famine. The king confirms Joseph's choice.

II. Joseph Presents his Father to Pharaoh.—The father of a great nation yet to be meets the representative of the greatest and most advanced nation of that age. Each is impressed with the appearance of the other. Jacob, worn with the burden of years and sorrow, venerable in appearance, bestows on Pharaoh his blessing. The king, treating the aged patriarch with profound respect, inquires, according to the Revised Version, "How many are the days of the years of thy life?" to which Jacob's answer is expressly adapted, "The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years." He calls his life a pilgrimage, because he had wandered from place to place, but more truly because he viewed life as a pilgrimage journey to a better country; that is, an heavenly one. He describes his days as few and evil. He had sinned and suffered, and the recollection of the shady side of his life impressed him more at this moment apparently than the numerous blessings that fell to his lot. Life at its longest seemed but short; but what is it in comparison to eternity, into which the stream of all life is constant, flowing? The interview ends with Jacob once more blessing Pharaoh.

III. Joseph Provides for His Kindred.—A settlement suitable to the wishes and circumstances of all is at length effected. Joseph's relatives are placed in Goshen, where they will be by themselves. They will not mingle with the Egyptians, to whom men of their occupation are objectionable. The Israelites will be less exposed to temptation by the idolatry and immorality of the Egyptians. They were to be a people who should dwell alone, and not be reckoned among the nations. The district in which they settled was best adapted for the pasturing of their herds; it is described as "the best of the land in the land of Rameses"; that was, in the land of Goshen, though not so named till afterward. It was known as Rameses in Moses' time, and he therefore names it in the narrative. Joseph did not content himself merely with placing his father and his brethren in a position where they might be comfortable, and then leaving them without further concern. "He nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread according to their families." From his own ample resources he was able to do this. To his kindred such generous treatment would be grateful; to himself it would be a source of joy.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

God guides His people by the right way that leads to a city of habitation.

Joseph, like a true man raised to honour, was not ashamed of his humble origin or poor relations.

A good son will always honour his parents.

Life ought to be a pilgrimage from the city of destruction to the city of God.