

is the kind of culture which can be given by schools of Applied Science. One remarkable feature of this effort is that our peculiar position in the Province of Quebec seems to shut us out to a great extent from that public aid which elsewhere is now so liberally given to that practical education which fits for the higher branches of scientific work. Here a School of Practical Science rises under the impulse of private liberality. This, while a just ground of pride to the citizens of Montreal, is after all a condition of things which should if possible be improved; and I hope that ere many years our success will call down a golden recognition from the legislature of our country. That success will depend much on the influx of zealous and well-prepared students; but the value of our course of study, and the openings to useful and profitable work which it secures, should ensure us a large influx of such students. Already the inquiries which have reached me portend a large increase in the numbers next year, and the fact that our classes have already attracted men from very distant parts of the Dominion is of happy augury. While our own growth has been thus encouraging, we have also reason to congratulate ourselves on the success which has attended the affiliation of colleges with the University. Morin College, more especially, sends us a satisfactory report. One graduate in arts represents it in our lists to-day, and two undergraduates who have passed their intermediate; but it returns nine regular students, and has had special classes in literature and science in the past winter, which were attended by no less than 164 additional students. Principal Cook and the other friends and supporters of Morin have just reason to congratulate themselves on this success, and the city of Quebec has good reason to be thankful for their efforts. One of our affiliated Theological colleges has realized a handsome endowment, but is erecting an elegant and commodious building in the vicinity of the University, and has, in the past season, more than forty students. This great success, though it has depended mainly on the exertions of Principal McVicar, is undoubtedly in part attributable to the educational advantages of the University, and should encourage other religious bodies to avail themselves of these great advantages toward the education of a cultured and efficient ministry, able to cope with the difficulties and controversies of our time. To return to the Faculty of Arts, the centre and nucleus of our College work, I have now to congratulate the Dean and Professors on the close of a successful session. To the former, who has now for 27 years been connected with this University, and has been a witness alike of its early struggles and present success, it must be pleasant thus to see the growth of an institution with which he identified himself when it was small and despised, and which has vindicated his wisdom and forethought as an educationist working, as he long did, in advance of the ideas of the time. In the coming session the Faculty of Arts will be enabled, for the first time, to take possession of and occupy the whole of the space prepared for it in the College Buildings, and thus to provide more effectually for the accommodation of its enlarged classes. A few years ago we had to thank our most liberal benefactor, Mr. William Molson, for the thoughtful gift of a fund for the enlargement of the library. We now have to acknowledge a similar benefaction to form a museum fund. Such aids I regard as of great value. The library, museum and apparatus of a university are not like a building, set up to remain. They are like a tree planted, to grow and bear fruit, and if not tended and nourished, they become dwarfed and die. Constant growth and care-taking are essential conditions of their useful existence. Hence such funds as the William Molson library and museum funds are of the utmost value, and there is ample scope for many such benefactions. But the crowning benefaction of the educational year is one which we are permitted to announce only to-day—the endowment of the John Frothingham Chair of Mental and Moral Philosophy with the sum of \$20,000, by a daughter who thus fittingly desires to enshrine the memory of a revered parent, a zealous promoter of education in its early struggles in this city, and a former Governor of the University. Such benefactions are, as Lord Dufferin well said in his recent visit to the University, the true patent of our Canadian nobility—which will hand down to all time, through successive generations of teachers and students, the honoured names of those who are inscribed on the roll of University benefactors. In closing my review of the session, I should notice the fact that we send out from our classes this year no less than sixty graduates in Law, Medicine, Arts and Applied Science; that fourteen students have been deriving benefit from the scholarships and exhibitions founded by Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Redpath, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Taylor, the Board of Governors, and the Caledonian Society; and that fourteen of these aids are offered for competition in the next session. We should also notice with satisfaction the evidences of healthy life manifested by the University Literary Society in its courses of public lectures, the formation of two companies of volunteers among the students, through the zealous exertions of Mr. Barnjum, and the effort of the undergraduates to establish a college Gazette. Such spontaneous efforts of the younger members of the University are, I think, always to be hailed with pleasure when they take the character of educational, literary and scientific progress, or of active patriotic exertion. And now, with much feeling of short-coming and deficiency, but with much gratitude to the Father of mercies, who has smiled upon our work, and with sincere prayer for his continued blessing on all connected with the University, we bring its fortieth session to a close. The proceedings closed with the benediction pronounced by the Rev. Dr. McVicar.

The following is a list of prizes, honours, and standing, as read by Prof. Johnson:—

FACULTY OF ARTS.—Passed for the degree of B. A., in Honours (Alphabetically arranged).—James G. Allan, Charles J. Fleet, Richard L. MacDonnell, Duncan C. McLeod, Charles H. Murray, Herbert L. Reddy, Arthur F. Ritchie, Simon J. Tunstall. Morrin College Ordinary—Hamilton Cassells. Passed for the degree of Bachelor of Applied Science. Course of Civil and Mechanical Engineering (in order of relative standing).—Donald A. Stewart, Henry H. Wicksteed, Clement H. McLeod, Robert J. Brodie, George T. Kennedy, M. A. Course of Mining and Assaying.—John Fraser Torrance. Passed in the intermediate examination. *McGill College.*—Class I. George H. Chandler, Elson J. Rexford, Class II.—Alexander Donovan, David F. Hawley, Robert H. Eagles. Class III.—W. F. Ritchie, Finlay Malcolm. *Morin College.*—Class I.—Gustavus Stuart; Class II.—A. G. Elliott. Bachelors of Arts proceeding to the degree of M. A. in Course.—John Hindley, Montgomery Jones, John McIntosh. PRIZES, HONOURS AND STANDING,—

Graduating Class—B. A. Honours in Classics—Richard A. MacDonnell—First Rank Honours and Chapman Gold Medal; Arthur F. Ritchie, First Rank Honours. B. A. Honours in Mathematics—Duncan C. McLeod, First Rank Honours, Anne Molson Gold Medal and Anne Molson Prize. B. A. Honours in Natural Science—Charles H. Murray, First Rank Honours, Logan Gold Medal and Logan Prize for collection of Fossils. B. A. Honours in English Literature—James G. Allan, First Rank Honours and Shakespeare Medal; Simon J. Tunstall, First Rank Honours; Herbert L. Reddy, First Rank Honours; Charles J. Fleet, First Rank Honours.

The assets of the College at the date of the report were distributed as follows:—Endowment Fund, \$23,888.36; Scholarship Endowment Fund, \$924; Library and Fixtures, \$9,000; Balance on hand from ordinary annual revenue, \$1,012.69; Balance on hand from Library Fund, \$96.91; Special subscriptions for ordinary revenue extending over a period of four years, \$8,000; Subscriptions for College Building Fund, \$35,500; Total \$79,097.84. The number of students was reported to be 47. The Board observed with pleasure the large number of students in the graduating class of the session, and the cheering prospects of the French department. The state of the several funds charged with current expenses was very satisfactory. At the instance of several of the largest contributors towards the supplementary subscriptions for ordinary revenue, the sum of \$500 was voted to the purpose of making an increase in Dr. MacVicar's salary. In last year's report it was stated that an eligible site for College buildings, adjoining McGill University, had been purchased, and subscriptions procured for this purpose to the amount of eighteen thousand dollars. The Board now begged to report that the buildings were in course of erection, and would be completed before the spring of next session; and while the canvass is not yet finished, the amount subscribed is thirty-five thousand five hundred dollars. The Board made the following recommendations for the approval of the Assembly:—1. That the Rev. J. M. Gibson, M. A., be appointed lecturer in Exegesis for next session. 2. That the collection for the training of French students and for French evangelization be taken up, as last year, in all the congregations of the Church. 3. That the Assembly appoint a Professor of Church History and Apologetics, and the Board expressed an earnest desire that the overture of the Presbytery of Montreal for the appointment of Rev. John Campbell, M. A., be granted. 4. That the Rev. Dr. MacVicar be appointed Principal of the College. 5. That the temporary addition made to his salary be confirmed. 6. That the recommendation of the French Evangelization Committee for the increase of Professor Coussirat's salary to sixteen hundred dollars per annum be concurred in. 7. That in case lecturers be required for next session, the Board be empowered to appoint such.

The correspondence between the Senates of Montreal and Toronto Colleges relative to the retirement of Messrs. Johnson, Currie and Stuart, three students from Knox College, without leave from the Senate, and their subsequent admission into the Montreal College, was also submitted and read by Rev. Mr. Gibson.

The annual report of the Board of Examiners of Montreal College was presented and read. An overture was read from the Montreal Presbytery, praying that Dr. MacVicar be appointed principal of Montreal College; also, an overture praying for the appointment of a Professor on Church History and Apologetics. The papers read relative to Knox and Montreal Colleges were received. A discussion ensued on the case of Messrs. Johnson, Currie and Stuart, and a motion was carried that in so far as the papers from the Montreal and Knox Colleges refer to the case of Messrs. Stuart, Currie and Johnson, the Assembly sustains the action of the Senate of Knox College, and further remits the case of these students to the Senate of Knox College, to be dealt with as in their judgment may seem best, and should the Senate thereafter see fit to grant certificates to these students and their standing, they shall accordingly be so admitted, and in the case of any of these students who may have finished their studies, any Presbytery to which they shall present the certificate of the chairman of Knox College, shall take such students on trial for license.

MORRIN COLLEGE.—The report of the Governors of Morrin College to the Church of Scotland Synod was read, of which the following is a synopsis:—175 students were on the roll, including members of ladies' classes. Six students were preparing for the Church; one had received degree of B. A. in McGill University, and two had passed the intermediate examination. By receiving an additional grant from the Provincial Government, the authorities had been enabled to engage Mr. George Dawson as lecturer in chemistry, whose services had been very valuable. The attendance at the evening classes had been very encouraging. Rev. Dr. Cook, Principal of the College, expressed his confidence in its future, although owing to the small number of Protestants in Quebec, where the College is situated, a great increase in the number of students could not be expected. A vote of thanks was passed to Rev. Dr. Cook for his services to the College. Mr. McCall and Mr. Lindsay were appointed Governors of Morrin College, in room of the two retiring Governors.

KNOX COLLEGE.—The annual report of Knox College was read by Dr. Topp in the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church. The number of students had been fifty-six—forty-one in the theological department, and fifteen in the literary department. A considerable number of young men looking forward to the ministry are passing through a university course. The income of the past year from all sources had been \$9,226.90, and the expenditure was \$9,307.84; leaving a balance against the fund of \$80.94, instead of \$365 as last year. The Endowment Fund was now \$5,192.10. The Bursary Fund received \$569.04, being the balance from last year—\$1,199.70 in donations and interest, and investments repaid \$1,300. The expenditure was \$1,750 invested; bursaries and scholarships, \$1,186; printing and stationery, \$42.89, with a balance of \$90.45. It was agreed that while the thousand dollars received from the Alexander bequest be in the meantime used for current expenses of the College, that sum should be a first charge upon the income for the present year, and that the action of the Board in this matter be reported to the General Assembly. Had it not been for this sum of \$1,000 having been added to the income, there would have been a considerable deficit in the fund for the current expenses. The appointment was recommended of an additional professor with a lecturer, and also a day of special prayer for the College. \$40,400 had been subscribed towards a new College building, and arrangements had been made for a larger and more advantageous site.