

dents are drawn from all parts of the Dominion, and in several instances from far beyond it. We have among them representatives of England, Scotland, Ireland, France and Switzerland. We have already sent into the service of the Church seventy-one ministers of Christ. These are found in all parts of our country, but many of them, as was anticipated at the time the College was instituted, are settled in the eastern parts of Ontario and in the Province of Quebec, while some are pioneer missionaries and pastors in Manitoba and the North-West. Our graduates, thus widely scattered, conduct services in English, French and Gaelic, and have uniformly shown themselves thoroughly loyal to their *Alma Mater*, and earnest and successful workers in the cause of our Divine Master. The growth of our library has been quite remarkable, as may be seen from the number and the value of the works we possess. Altogether the financial success achieved within the narrow territory allotted to us, and in the few years of our history, has been far beyond what was at first hoped for, so that we have now in buildings, library, scholarships and endowments about a quarter of a million dollars. In this large amount of Church property there are included many small sums, the liberal offerings of ministers, artisans, widows, and persons of all ranks, and for these gifts to the Lord's work we are profoundly grateful. But these alone would have been utterly insufficient; and it is in the glory of our work as of the Church of God, that in it the rich and the poor meet together. The Lord has constrained those blessed with large resources to come to our aid; and hence we have the "John Redpath Chair" endowed to the amount of twenty thousand dollars by Mrs. Redpath, of Terrace Park; and the "Joseph Mackay Chair" of fifty thousand dollars, endowed by Mr. Edward Mackay, together with the liberal bequest from the late Mr. Joseph Mackay. And now we have received from Mr. David Morrice this magnificent pile of buildings. Of their beauty, convenience and completeness it is unnecessary to speak. You see for yourselves this grand gift, in the possession of which we now gratefully rejoice. But our thing is pass from the gift to the giver. And it is right here to say that this is only a part and by no means the whole of what he has done for our college. He has been incessant in his vigilant activity in its behalf. Notwithstanding his numerous pressing occupations, public and private, he has cheerfully given it without stint of time, and thought, and money, and has more than once by his wise and inspiring words encouraged some of us when almost ready to turn away from what, at certain stages, was a most difficult enterprise. He has contributed largely to its current expenses, to its library and scholarships, and, what will prove of lasting and eminent benefit to the institution and the Church, he has found a travelling fellowship, I believe the first in Canada, of five hundred dollars, which sum will be paid from time to time to successful competitors to aid them in continuing special studies abroad after having completed their course with us. I may safely leave others on this platform to say how much the munificence of Mr. Morrice and of our other friends has already done, and is destined still to do, in stimulating Christian liberality and activity over our whole land and beyond it. In many letters that I have lately received from leading persons in all parts of our country this thought is expressed while the warmest congratulations are offered to us, and specially to our distinguished benefactor. And if we look from the past and the present into the future, what may we not hope and believe? I say believe, because this work has been to me and to those associated with me a work of faith and prayer, and God hath given it success. What mighty potencies lie concealed in the future in connection with the deed of gift of this afternoon. I shall not venture to forecast them, for I have already learned from experience that we usually project our plans on far too small a scale, and always expect far too little from our God and Saviour and from those of his people who are filled with all the fulness of God, and who have truly consecrated themselves and their substance to His service. I will only add that I believe it to be the determination of Mr. Morrice, and of all of us, God helping us, to leave nothing undone that is necessary to place this already strong institution in the very highest state of equipment and efficiency. It is meet, therefore, that I should thus publicly and in behalf of the Senate, the Board, the Faculty, the Graduates, and the Students express our heartfelt deepest gratitude to Mr. Morrice, and I join with him Mrs. Morrice and his family, whose hearts are one with his in every good work in which he is engaged.

ADDRESS FROM THE MODERATOR.

Rev. Dr. COCHRANE, Moderator of the General Assembly, was called upon for a speech. It had already been said that this was a day of great gladness. It was so not only to the professors, students and graduates, but also to the entire Presbyterian community of Montreal and neighbourhood, as this crowded assembly testified. It was a day of gladness to other students and to other colleges; yes, and to the representatives of other denominations; for we are all members of one body, and if one member be honoured the others rejoice with it. But speaking more particularly of the great Presbyterian Church, he did not hesitate to say that it has been placed under a heavy debt of obligation to Mr. Morrice; a debt which it can never repay. He admired the munificence and beauty of the gift, but far more the spirit which prompted it. He valued highly gifts that are left by will, but valued them much more when the donor becomes his own executor. That is exactly what Mr. Morrice has done. He has laid this noble offering on

the altar during his lifetime, when his eye is not dim, when he is not tottering on the brink of the grave. Gifts like this are exceptional in Canada. Hitherto we have turned our eyes in search of them to the United States. It was at Princeton, Andover, Union, Yale and Harvard we found them, and our Principals had been looking thither with envious eyes. (Laughter). Thank God! the time has at last come in Canada, and he ardently hoped the time would yet come when every General Assembly shall set on record such munificent donations from year to year. Let us pray for this. The College has had an eventful history. It is young but thoroughly equipped; in fact he might safely call it "the little giant of the east." He could testify, and was proud to do so, that in every case the students have maintained, have upheld the noble opinion obtained for them by the institution to which they belong. Its professors, —and he would say it with pride:—were all Canadian-trained, three of them in Knox College—if they had been trained in Queen's, of course it would have been all the same. (Laughter and applause.) Knox and Queen's were both equally noted for general efficiency and soundness of doctrine. ("Hear, hear," and laughter.) He would earnestly pray that the Spirit be poured out upon the professors and students, and trusted more and more good may be accomplished. He would venture to designate this as pre-eminently the "College Year." Two new professors have been appointed here in Montreal, and two in Queen's. A movement is on foot for the endowment of Knox and he was pleased to say that \$75,000 has already been raised. ("Hear! hear!" and loud applause.) The Presbyterian Church in Canada demands an educated ministry. She strongly holds that, other things being equal, the man who is possessed of scholarship is possessed of pulpit power. She insists upon this scholarship. The erection of the Morrice Hall most emphatically means that she is now able to provide men herself for every pulpit in the land. There is no longer any need of borrowing help from sister denominations nor of importing ministers from the old country. He would continually pray that Christian fathers and mothers may dedicate their sons to the ministry. Were there none bearing him who were willing to do so? Doubtless many fathers and mothers present were admiring the noble gift which had brought them together; but in the speaker's opinion it is far nobler to consecrate a single son to the work of God. We need earnest prayer that Christian parents may thus devote their sons to the ministry, and that those who go out from our colleges may be men sound in the faith, profound in scholarship, able exponents of God's Word, and baptized with Pentecostal fire. (Prolonged applause.)

CONGRATULATORY LETTERS.

Principal MACVICAR announced that he had received letters congratulating the College and approving of Mr. Morrice's munificence from Principal McKnight, of Halifax; Principal Cook, Morris College, Quebec; Principal Bryce, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Dr. Reid, Toronto; Principal Castle and Dr. Macvicar, Macmaster Hall, Toronto; Right Rev. Bishop Bond, Montreal; Rev. Dean Baldwin, Montreal; Bishop Ussher, Montreal; Rev. Dr. Hodge, Princeton; Hon. Sheriff McKellar, Hamilton; Mr. Donald Guthrie, Q.C., Guelph, and many ministers and influential laymen in all parts of the Dominion, Mr. Erastus Wiman, New York, and others.

THE ADDRESSES BY REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER COLLEGES. *

Rev. Principal CAVEN, of Knox College, Toronto, said he was charged by Knox College with the very pleasing duty of conveying to the Presbyterian College in Montreal their congratulations upon this most auspicious occasion, and also to join with the members of the College here and its friends in thanksgiving to God for what He had done for them. There were special reasons, he said, why Knox College should be interested in the professors and students of the Montreal College, because two of the professors of the latter were old students of the former. The present occasion, he said, marked a new era in theological education. The place in which he and the chairman prosecuted their theological studies was very humble in comparison to this splendid hall, and yet he thought Dr. Macvicar would join him in saying that the men who taught them were not only good men, but eminent men—men whose names would live in the Presbyterian Church when they had all passed away. At the same time it was only right and proper that this department of the work of the Church should advance, and that there should be tokens of its advancement in some way in keeping with the general advancement of the Presbyterian Church. In Knox College they had now fully one hundred students studying theology exclusively, besides those in the arts course, preparing for the theological course. It was sometimes said that they had too many students in the present day, but he found that whilst the number of students in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in proportion to the size and necessities of the Church, was somewhat increasing, yet it was greatly below the Church of Scotland in Scotland, or the Free Church, or the United Presbyterian Church, or the great Church south of the lines, and that in Canada the Presbyterian Church had not too many students; in fact, she had not enough students. The students were not only needed to supply the pulpits of the ministers who have passed away, but also to carry the

* From this point, we are largely indebted to the reports printed in the daily papers, and especially in the *Witness*, and *Herald*.