

drops of dew that trickle down to its very roots. So should it be with ministers. Though the atmosphere about them be often parched with the summer heats of passion, or the withering east winds of worldliness, yet these trees of the Lord's planting should show their spiritual affinities with heavenly things by living so close to the Master, that every grace will be conspicuous in divine and dewy freshness.

Make room thus in your thoughts for every person in your congregation, give the Redeemer the supreme place in every sermon, and from your sweet intimacy with Him be able always to commend Him confidently to others. By your own daily necessities learn sympathy with all the needy, by your own blessed experience know the all-sufficient grace of the Lord Jesus, and by all the powers which nature, education, and grace have given you, tell the glad tidings faithfully to whom He sends you. Your head full of Divine truth, your heart full of your people, and your soul full of Christ the Lord, your preaching, whether one of the arts or not, will be in demonstration of the spirit and with power.

Heralds of the Cross, is there any work in the world like your work? Poets have their fine fancies; painters, their perishable forms and colors; statesmen, their laws and economies; scientists, their phenomena and their systems; what are all these compared with the material in which you work—immortal souls, and the end for which you strive—to recreate in them by the regenerating Spirit the lost likeness of the Altogether-lovely One. Ambassadors from the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, there is royalty in these discrowned exiled souls before whom you plead. Tell them He is king-maker as well as King. Bear faithfully His overtures of pardon, acceptance in the Beloved, and complete restoration to the sovereignties of Heaven. And rejoice that you are fellow-labourers with a Master so gracious and mighty. Like reeds that had once been bruised, through which the wind whistled shrilly, but are now gathered with His own hand, set in order by his unerring skill, may He so play upon us by the breath of His Spirit, that every word we speak, and all the life we live, may make such music as will win the wandering sheep He came to save back to the shelter of the Everlasting Fold.

REMARKS BY THE PRINCIPAL.

Principal Macvicar's annual statement came next. He said:—

Gentlemen of Convocation and Ladies and Gentlemen.—The total number of students upon our roll to-night is seventy, of whom sixty-seven gave attendance on lectures during the past session, and already a considerable number of freshmen have applied to be received next winter. We have had two hundred and twenty-five volumes added to our library. During this session a new and very valuable element was introduced into our work. I refer to the Sunday afternoon lectures on "Questions of the Day" which, as many of you know, were fully attended. I may add that we have yielded to requests for the publication of them in a volume soon to be

issued by our bookseller. Similar courses will be delivered next session. It is satisfactory to be able to say that the lectures have been financially advantageous to the College. The collections covered all expenses and yielded a contribution to the Library Fund of over one hundred dollars, and whatever profits may be realized from the sale of the volume will be applied to the same deserving object. We are greatly indebted to the lecturers who generously gave their services without remuneration, as has been done for several years by others who are upon our regular staff. It may not always be possible to secure lecturers on such easy terms, and, therefore, what is needed is that some one possessed of the true spirit and requisite means should set such special courses upon a solid financial foundation. I shall be glad to advise with any friend who may be inclined to entertain this suggestion. And here let me say how much our Travelling Fellowship is fitted to advance the interests of the institution and of sound theological education. Mr. Herridge, who held it last winter, continued his post-graduate studies in Edinburgh, Glasgow and London, and is now visiting seats of learning on the Continent. I know of no more effective way of elevating the scientific and theological standing of the ministry than by founding Fellowships to induce distinguished students to prolong the period of strictly collegiate training. We do not believe in the indiscriminate subsidizing of candidates for the ministry. We do nothing in this direction. Our Scholarships are all competitive and awarded solely on the ground of real merit. They are not attached to special subjects to which students might devote their time while neglecting ordinary work. They are connected with the general curriculum prescribed for each session and include besides examinations in Honor courses which embrace standard treatises in the different departments of theology. We thus avoid the narrowness which is apt to characterize mere specialists, and cultivate breadth of thought and research, while in every case securing the fullest attention to the prelections of the class-room. Moreover, students who are qualified to take these Honor courses thereby overtake during the three sessions a large part of what is required for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

In view, therefore, of the very manifest benefits of Fellowships and Scholarships, I once more bespeak for them a favorable consideration by those who have the good of our college and of our country at heart.

The rapid and solid growth of this institution is surely a matter of sincere congratulation to all. In a few brief years it has, by Divine favor and through the marked liberality and energy of its friends, the ability and loyalty of its students and graduates, attained to a position of influence for good throughout our Dominion which it would be wrong to overlook on an occasion like the present. Certain features of the success enjoyed by us are visible to all, and speak for themselves. The names of our leading benefactors are household words in this community, and will always be held in grateful remem-