

Nor would it be out of place if I should finally say to you, Cherish a kindly remembrance of your Alma Mater, and as you have opportunity do what you can to promote its interests and increase its efficiency. It were not too much to ask you to adopt the words I was taught to use on receiving my first degree, and individually to say, "*Deinde hinc academiae cui ingenii culturam debeo benevolentiam quam potero me relaturum*

sancte promitto." Go forth then, my young friends, in the strength of the Lord and in the power of His might. Give yourselves wholly to the work of the ministry, and may the Great Head of the Church own and bless you, and make you able and successful ministers of the New Testament, in gathering in wanderers into the fold of Christ and in edifying and comforting His folded sheep.

STATEMENT BY PRINCIPAL MACVICAR.

Two hundred and sixty-three volumes were this session added to the Library, chiefly through the kindness of Messrs. David Morrice and A. C. Clark, to whom we tender cordial thanks. I am glad to say that the library has been more fully used than in any previous year, about one thousand volumes having been taken out by professors and students.

Eighty-four students were enrolled with us during the past winter, and their general health, diligence and success were highly gratifying. Eleven have completed the curriculum and received their diplomas.

We now close the twenty-eighth session of this college, and the record of this period is one of marked progress. We began in 1867 with little or nothing, our only property being a few plain desks and book-cases containing the nucleus of what has already become a valuable library of over twelve thousand volumes.

Our buildings, library, scholarships and endowments testify to the large-hearted liberality of the founders and benefactors of the institution, and the outcome of the work of the class-rooms has kept pace with this generosity. With the additions made to-night, we have upon the roll of our alumni over two hundred and thirty names, and of

these, more than one hundred and fifty are serving the Master within the bounds of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

At the time of the inception of the college it was found, for various reasons, well-nigh impossible to provide missionaries and ministers for Eastern Ontario, the Valley of the Ottawa, and the Province of Quebec. This was a very serious state of things, and if allowed to continue would have weakened the Church, checked her growth, and led to many disastrous consequences. It was urged by our founders, on the floor of Synod and Assembly, that the difficulty could be removed and these evils could be averted by training men for the field within its bounds in this metropolitan city and in alliance with our great Protestant University. It was contended that loyal Presbyterians would not fail to respond to the call of duty in this matter, and the soundness of the arguments thus advanced, more than a quarter of a century ago, is shown to-night by the facts which I have just stated. We have, by the grace of God, more than met the destitution then so clamant, and we have done so, and mean to continue to do so, in a way which secures general approbation. In a true patriotic and cosmopolitan spirit