KNOX COLLEGE.

CLOSE OF SESSION OF 1876-77.

The close of the session 1876-77 took place on Wednesday last, with all the accustomed ceremony. There was a large and distinguished assemblage of ladies and gentlemen, friends and relatives, and well-wishers of the students and the College. The Hall was crowded to its capacity.

Professor McLaren delivered the usual lecture, this year on the subject "Justification."

Principal Caven delivered a preliminary address, containing mention of matters of great interest to the friends and promoters of the Institution. He observed that they had much to be thankful for both on the part of the students and the professors, and it would be neglectful to separate without a public expression of gratitude. There had been forty students enrolled in the theological course and twenty-two in the literary course. The number of students would vary somewhat from year to year. There were seventy-three resident students all with the ministry in view; and several outside, among them a good many University students. There were perhaps ninety students altogether in Toronto with the ministry in view. The Principal here read the list of bursaries and prizes (given below), and expressed his thanks for the liberality of congregations and individuals, enabling the College to present them. It was desirable that students take a University course, but the Principal did not wish the impression to be carried away that the other students had a very imperfect literary training. These scholarships, he said, were well bestowed and honourably won, and he was sorry that every deserving student did not get a prize. Principal Caven noticed the establishment of a scholarship by Mr. M. C. Cameron, of Goderich, in *memoriam* of his son, and presented it as a good example. In the matter of the finances, the Principal observed with regard to the building fund that the canvass was not quite completed, but it was only fair and right that the whole constituency of the Church should be visited, and brethren in the ministry were requested to assist securing payment of subscribed amounts, and save the expense of borrowing. There were subscribed, in round numbers, $129,000. The ordinary revenue account was a matter of some difficulty, and he could see little prospect of permanent relief till the endowment should be considerably increased. He referred to the bequest of the late Mr. Hall, of Peterboro', and said that it was especially the work of men of intelligence and means combined to foster the interests of the College. The large amount of $160,000 subscribed for the College (including Mr. Hall's bequest of $40,000) within the last four years, was most encouraging; and gave the assurance that the Church would not allow her theological schools to be crippled for want of support.

There were thirteen gentlemen who finished their curriculum, and were going forth to their great work. They would be remembered with affection. He enjoined on them to hold fast the faith of the Gospel: to earnestly preach Christ: to lead holy lives.

Ten scholarships for students taking the regular University course, with the ministry in view, were awarded at the beginning of the session. These scholarships are contributed by congregations and members of the Church. In addition to those bestowed in past years, three were given for this year by Zion Church, Brantford; Knox Church, Stratford; and one by the family and relatives of the late Mr. A. F. Skinner, of Hamilton.

The following is the list of the scholarships and prizes awarded in the Theological Department:—

FIRST YEAR.

Bayne Scholarship—$50, In Hebrew at entrance. Divided equally between J. Smith, M.A., and J. W. Cameron.

Alexander Scholarship—$50, General proficiency in closing examination, Donald Tait, B.A.

Gillies Scholarship, I—$50, Systematic Theology, closing examination, divided between J. W. Cameron and J. Smith, B.A.

Gillies Scholarship, II—$50, Church History, closing examination, Donald Munro, B.A.

Goldie Scholarship—$50, Exegetics, closing examination, A. W. Marling.

Scholarship—$40. Biblical History, closing examination, D. Findlay, B.A.

Dunbar Scholarship—$40, Apologetics, closing examination, John Ross, B.A.

Heron Scholarship—$40, Biblical Criticism, closing examination, S. H. Eastman.

SECOND YEAR.

John A. Cameron Scholarship—$60, General proficiency, closing examination, A. T. Colter.

Bonar Scholarship—$40, Church History, closing examination, John Johnston.

Loghrin Scholarship—$50, Systematic Theology, closing examination, John Wilkie, M.A.

Alexander Scholarship—$50, Exegetics, closing examination, F. R. Beattie, M.A.

Esson Scholarship—$40, Biblical History, closing examination, W. J. Smith.

THIRD YEAR.

Fisher Scholarship, I—$60, Systematic Theology, closing examination, R. P. McKay, M.A.

Fisher Scholarship, II—$60, Exegetics, closing examination, A. McFarlane.

Hamilton Central Church Scholarship—$30, General Proficiency, closing examination, W. A. Wilson, M.A.

Esson Scholarship, I—$60, Bible Church History, closing examination, Robt. Fowlie.

SECOND AND THIRD YEARS.

Boyd Scholarship—$40, Homilitics, closing examination, Alex. Leslie, M.A.

Smith Scholarship—$50, Essay, "Love of God in relation to His Justice," John Geddes.

FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD YEARS.

Clark Prize—For New Testament Greek, A. W. Marling.

Galbraith Prize—For Hebrew, John Geddes.

Scholarship of $40—Proficiency in Gaelic Language, A. F. McKenzie.

Prince of Wales' Prize—$60 for two years; Essay on "The Preparation of the World for the Advent of the Messiah, P. H. Bryce, B.A.

The silver and bronze medals bestowed by His Excellency the Governor-General have been awarded as follows:—

Silver Medal—Best examinations in classics of third preparatory year, James Ross.

Bronze Medal—Second best ditto, J. K. Wright.

List of students who stood first in the examinations of the several classes, but entitled to receive only one prize:—

FIRST YEAR—Systematic Theology, Donald Tait, B.A.; Exegetics, Donald Tait, B.A. and A. W. Marling (equal); Church History, Donald Tait, B.A.; Apologetics, Donald Tait, B.A.; Biblical Criticism, S. H. Eastman.

SECOND YEAR—Systematic Theology, A. T. Colter and F. R. Beattie, M.A., (equal); Exegetics, A. T. Colter and F. R. Beattie, M.A., (equal); Biblical History, A. T. Colter; Church History, John Wilkie, M.A.

THIRD YEAR—Systematic Theology, W. A. Wilson, M.A., and R. P. McKay (equal); Exegetics, W. A. Wilson, M.A.; Biblical History, R. P. McKay, M.A.; Homilitics, W. A. Wilson, M.A.

ANNUAL Report of Duff's church, East Puslinch, for the year ending March 31st 1877: Number of families, 145; communicants, 240; addition, 12; removals, 15; elders, 12; managers, 3; weekly prayer meetings, 2; baptisms, 18; number in religious classes, 300; Sabbath school teachers, 18; volumes in libraries, 640. There is a manse. The pastor, Rev. A. McKay, D.D., visits the families once a year. There is a missionary association. Total contributions for strictly congregational purposes including ministers stipend, $1168.56. College Fund, $60; Home missions, $45; Home Mission debt, $42; Knox College Students' Missionary Society, $18; German Missions, $7; Foreign Missions, $30. Aged Ministers' and Widows' Fund, $20; Assembly fund, $14; French Evangelization, $30; Total contributions for the schemes of the church, $266. Sabbath school collections $10.08. Knox College Building, $115. Benevolent objects not specified above, $158. Total contributions for all purposes, $1718.64. There is no debt on the church property. Several families take the BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN, and they like it so well that they could not do without it.

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On the 4th inst., at the Manse, South Georgetown, Jacobina McD. Nicholson, wife of the Rev. J. C. Muir, D.D., in the 62nd year of her age.

At the house of Rev. Dr. Reid, 119 Bloor street, Toronto, on Monday, 26th ult., William Joseph, youngest son of Rev John M. Roger, M.A., Peterborough, aged 16 years and 9 months.

At Renfrew, on the 18th inst., at the residence of her brother-in-law, the Rev. Robert Campbell, Maggie, third daughter of the late Lieut.-Colonel Thomas Drummond, of this city, aged 19 years.

At the Manse, Motherwell, on the morning of the 9th inst., Wm. Henderson, aged 35 years, a native of Stirling, Scotland, and nephew of Rev. R. Hamilton

At North Bruce, of diptheria, on the 30th ult., Esther Maria Burns, aged 5 years and 9 months, and on the 3rd inst., Sarah Amelia, aged 8 years and two months, beloved children of Mr. William Muir.

Official Announcements.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

KINGSTON.—In John Street Church, Belleville, on the second Tuesday of April, at 7 30, p.m.

LINDSAY.—At Woodville, on the last Tuesday of May.

TORONTO.—At Toronto, on April 17th, at 11 a.m.

PETERBORO.—At Port Hope, in the First Presbyterian Church, on the last Tuesday of March, at 1.30 p.m.

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