

obtain any headway in our country. We earnestly hope that our Christian people will do their best to discourage this impious form of Sabbath desecration, and maintain and perpetuate our holy Christian Sabbath unimpaired to the succeeding generation. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy!"

Knox College.

The recent celebration of Knox College Jubilee brought that honored and admirable institution very prominently before the Church, and awakened an interest in the work of the colleges which it is not too much to hope will for long bear good fruit. The corner stone of the success of such a seminary is its thorough equipment for the high work it is called upon, by the necessities of the Church, to discharge. Unless the funds are in a satisfactory condition, then no matter how earnest or able the teachers their energies are crippled and their usefulness is largely diminished. It is therefore—considering the matter from this practical point of view—with satisfaction we find the Board of Management of Knox College taking the Church into its confidence by a statement of the condition of the funds of Knox College, and an appeal for better support. The circular printed in full is as follows:—An impression seems to exist in many quarters that the revenue of the College is now sufficient to meet the annual expenditure. This has resulted in a very considerable diminution of receipts from congregational subscriptions. The income of the College is derived from two sources only. These are the interest from the endowment fund, and the annual contributions from congregations. It may be explained that, from the fall in the rate of interest, the income of the College derived from investments has for some years steadily decreased, and the prospects are that, from the same cause, the income will continue to diminish. Some time ago seven per cent. interest was obtained, and now first-class securities cannot be had to yield over five per cent. On an invested capital of say \$200,000, this means a loss of \$4,000 per annum. The moneys received from congregations instead of being made larger in order to meet the increasing deficiency in the income from the endowment fund have, unfortunately, largely diminished. The following figures, giving the amounts received from congregations, shew how serious is the decrease in these contributions:

1891,	-	-	-	-	-	\$6,227 82
1892,	-	-	-	-	-	5,608 00
1893,	-	-	-	-	-	5,000 00

The Board of Management regret to find that not a few congregations, apparently influenced by a mistaken idea as to the financial condition of the College, have either withheld their former contributions or diverted part of their subscriptions to other channels. The Board are anxious to correct the prevalent misapprehension, and take this method of letting the Church know that the present income from all sources *will fall far short of meeting the ordinary expenditure.*

At no period in the history of the College has its teaching facilities been more largely sought by students than at present. The educational advantages of the University of Toronto attract yearly greater numbers of students, a very large proportion of whom are Presbyterians, and many of whom have the ministry of our Church in view. Other Churches have established

their Theological Schools at Toronto to provide for the training of their Theological students who seek their literary education at the University, and it becomes a necessity for the Presbyterian Church to maintain a fully equipped Theological Seminary in connection with that seat of learning. As matters now stand, however, the income of the College will not suffice to pay even its current expenses, far less to provide for the maintenance of the College Buildings, or any increase of the staff.

The Board had hoped that the College might have been relieved at the time of the Jubilee, of the mortgage debt of \$26,500, which proves so heavy an incubus. Comparatively few individuals or congregations have responded to the appeal then made, and the interest on a mortgage of \$20,000 still remains a heavy charge on the income. The financial situation gives occasion for grave concern to the Board, and they trust that the Church will awaken to the necessity of largely increasing its annual contribution to the College. Wm. Mortimer Clark, Q.C., Chairman; Wm. Caven, D.D., Principal.

Fifty Years of The Queen and the Prince of Wales Jewish Missions. have each accepted a copy of "Memories of Gospel triumphs among the Jews," which is the Jubilee Volume of the "British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Jews." The volume has been written and prepared by the Secretary, the Rev. John Dunlop.

Explorations at Jerusalem. A very interesting report of recent work comes from Dr. Bliss, who is at present conducting excavations for the Palestine Exploration Fund in Jerusalem. He states that he has found at a depth of a few feet, the foundations of a wall, which may be those of the actual first-wall of the city, and are certainly on the site of that wall. In the course of the work he had uncovered three large square towers. He had also found a gateway, the door-sill of which was still *in situ* with the holes of the door-posts and the holes for the bolts. The sill was four feet above the ancient-paved road which passed through the wall at this point, but on digging deeper, he found, four feet below, and therefore on a area with the ancient road, the sill of an older gateway. These discoveries are contributions to the Jerusalem problem of the greatest value. Of less importance, but still very curious, is a discovery reported by Herr Schick, who has found a postern in the north wall in the exact spot where the leper's gate is placed, by writers in the twelfth century—a fact which seems to show that the present position of the wall is what it has always been, and that the city never extended farther north than this wall.

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