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QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

Principal Gordon of Queen's University, who is conducting an educative campaign in connection with the endowment movement, addressed a large congregation in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, last Sunday morning, and gave a lucid statement of the situation. He pointed out that every member of the Presbyterian Church is a corporator of Queen's, the relation of the whole Church to the university since the Union, in 1875, being the same as that of the Kirk of Scotland prior to that date, except that the United Church did not appoint trustees in the arts department, and hence did not assume financial responsibility. Under somewhat trying circumstances the university had prospered, the number of students during the past twelve years having more than doubled. These were drawn from all creeds and classes, and the result had been a distinct broadening of the spirit of the university. Owing to this fact, and also to the fact that the support from the Presbyterian Church was inadequate to the needs, the late Principal Grant had conceived the idea of nationalizing the university, and had received the sanction of three successive General Assemblies for this step. Legislation for this purpose was initiated and was well under way when the Vancouver Assembly, in 1903, reversed the previous action, and decided to retain Queen's; also promising adequate financial support. The question was submitted to all the Synods of Ontario and Quebec and endorsed by 26 out of 27 Presbyteries. The action was endorsed by the St. John Assembly in 1904, and a large committee was appointed to aid the trustees of Queen's in raising the sum of \$500,000 to produce a revenue of \$20,000 yearly to meet the estimated needs.

Principal Gordon argued that the Presbyterian Church was acting in line with her past traditions and with her present policy in regard to Manitoba College, Winnipeg, in making provision for university education, and that in strengthening which they were dealing with an institution which had for years belonged to the Church. He also pointed out the large place filled by Queen's in the educational life of the country, and stated that the fact of 900 students being in attendance was an evidence of the need for an educational centre in Kingston.

Queen's was modelled after the Scottish idea in which theology was an integral part of the university, and thus presented a distinct type. The Anglicans and Methodists still retained their control of arts, teaching in Trinity and Victoria, and the latter had been endorsed by generous laymen. He contended that there was no way in which the Presbyterian Church could more directly contribute to the intellectual and spiritual life of the country than by the generous support of their own university. Still this was said with the most cordial feelings toward the Provincial University, which could only be helped and stimulated by having her sister university at Kingston in a strong and vigorous condition.

Emeritus Professor Thomas Smith, D.D., LL.D., the last survivor of the band of Disruption ministers, will be 88 in July. Born in the manse at Symington on the 8th of July, 1817, he was educated in his native parish, and at Edinburgh University. He was a distinguished student, with a special aptitude for mathematics. On the 7th March, 1839, Dr. Smith was ordained as a missionary of the Church of Scotland to India. Four years later he cast in his lot with the Free Church, which he henceforth served with a rare devotion. It is no small honour to have been the originator of Zenana missions, upon which all the Churches now rely for their most effective work among the women of India. During the Mutiny Dr. Smith was attached as chaplain to the Black Watch, and he was at various times brought into close contact with Sir Henry Lawrence.

New thoughts for the new day; new duties for the new life.

MONTREAL NOTES.

At the twenty-third annual meeting of the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society, in Knox church, the principal feature was an address by Mrs. Buchanan, who, with Dr. Buchanan, her husband, has for years been engaged in medical mission work in India. Mrs. Buchanan's story about the spiritual and physical destitution of the Bhils, among whom her husband is now working, was a painful revelation to her hearers. She spoke of a people scourged by plagues and famine, living in ignorance and superstition and the deepest poverty. Her description gave a vivid idea of the isolation and heroic self-sacrifice of missionaries laboring, as she and her husband had been, far from railways and civilization, dispensing medical necessities, succoring people in their poverty, teaching them to build houses, to read and write, and instructing them in the gospel. Their work, she said, cramped though it was for want of funds, was showing encouraging results, though it was but a drop in a great ocean of need. The president, Mrs. Grier, remarked that Dr. Buchanan did not take a vacation last year, nor did he feel able to do so this year, because the work was so pressing. She dwelt upon the nobleness of the work to which Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan were giving the best part of their lives, and asked, "What are we going to do to show our tender sympathy in this work?" Miss Gill, Mrs. Robertson and Miss Scott gave reports on the home, French and foreign work of the society. These showed that the work was progressive, but the laborers all too few. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. G. A. Grier; Acting vice-presidents, Mrs. R. Campbell, Mrs. J. A. McMaster, with the presidents of all the auxiliaries; Recording Secretary Mrs. E. B. Buseed; Corresponding secretary, Miss Muirhead; Treasurer, Miss Jessie S. Harvey; Advisory committee, The Rev. E. Scott, Mr. D. Morrice, Mr. W. Drysdale, with the city ministers; Editorial committee of the "Woman's Missionary Outlook," Mrs. R. Campbell, Mrs. E. Scott, Mrs. W. Paul, Miss Muirhead, Miss Brodie, Miss Brown.

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The annual meeting of St. Paul's, Prince Albert, N.W.T., was fairly well attended. The financial statement presented showed a good year, with receipts and expenditures about equal. The managers are: Messrs. J. B. Kernaghan, Dr. Kitchin, E. B. Hutcheson, H. H. Smith, elected for two years, and D. A. Telford for one year. Arrangements are being made for the erection of a new church to cost about \$15,000, so soon as 50 per cent of the estimated cost was secured. The stipend of the pastor, Rev. C. G. Young, was increased from \$1,000 to \$1,200.

At the annual meeting of Dufferin avenue church, Winnipeg, it was decided to build a new church and a committee appointed to arrange for the work, which will soon begin. The report of the board of managers showed finances to be on a sound basis, and the Kirk sessions report revealed a membership of one hundred in full communion. The Sabbath school report was also most satisfactory in every respect, and the good work speedily increasing. The financial statement showed the total receipts from all sources to be \$1,224.32, and disbursements,

A SUNBEAM.

A sunbeam, a merry sunbeam,
A jolly little sprite,
Filling the room with gladness,
And the darkest nook with light.
A sunbeam, a living sunbeam,
Dancing along our way,
Flashing hither and thither,
And singing the live-long day.
Oh, the blessed little sunbeam,
Sweet messenger from above,
Lighting the darkest pathway,
And teaching our hearts to love.

STATE OF FUNDS.

The following are the receipts to 18th February, 1904 and 18th February 1905, together with the amount still required for the several schemes:

	1904.	1905.	Still Req'd.
Home missions.....	\$83,305	\$80,353	\$30,647
Augmentation.....	15,202	15,717	14,283
Foreign Missions.....	44,228	65,468	40,521
French Evan.....	14,713	13,172	10,878
Pointe-aux-Trembles.....	7,164	7,809	4,191
Wid. and Orp.....	7,022	7,588	7,412
Aged and In. Min.....	6,815	7,610	6,300
Assembly.....	4,596	5,038	2,462
Knox College.....	3,672	3,601	8,300
Queen's College.....	1,912	2,185	3,315
Montreal College.....	1,062	1,140	3,860
Manitoba College.....	2,661	2,543	1,205

The receipts during the past week have been disappointing, owing in all probability, to the blocked roads in the country, and to the fact that mails have not been received for some days from several sections. If there are any congregations that still delay taking up their entire contributions for the year until the closing month, the condition of the roads in the country, will, this year as last, seriously affect the result. It is hoped, however, that the number of congregations content with this method of raising money for the schemes of the church, is every year becoming smaller.

May I again ask ministers to notify their Missionary Treasurers that only contributions reaching Toronto on or before the evening of Tuesday the 28th February will be included in the accounts of the year and in the detailed statement of receipts to be submitted to the General Assembly.

Let us give one specimen of the cleansing power of the blood. The disciples debated, on a certain occasion, among themselves, who should be the greatest in the coming kingdom. Each one urged his own claims. By the way, did the "Kingdom" mean the church? They were and are separate organizations, but that is not before us just now. The apostles on that occasion had a wrong spirit in them. They lusted after power and place. The shed blood is the remedy for these evil devices. Jesus Christ hates that lusting. He died that they might escape the consequences and the power of it. The shed blood, under the power of the Holy Ghost, leads them to hate the thing that he hates. As they come to see the thing they ask deliverance. There is cleansing in the blood—catharizo. And so day by day and year by year Christians are being cleansed by the blood, and from many offences. Believers are justified meritoriously once and for ever by the blood. Then they are cleansed times without number from sin in the soul. It is good to be in the hands of Christ, in the school of grace.