

Hood, also a prize man, has done splendid work in fostering a missionary spirit in the college during the later years of their course. Mr. J. L. Murray and Mr. J. A. Harcourt are also candidates for the foreign field.

All are good men. It will be noted that almost all are graduates of the University, and most of these are honor men. They will give a good account of themselves, and will honor the College in which they have received their training, and whose diplomas they now hold.

Mr. J. W. MacNamara is again the winner of the First Proficiency Scholarship in the Second Theological year. His success last year was exceptionally brilliant, and while it is not so apparent this session, it is none the less real. F. J. Maxwell and H. Mathieson divide the honors for second place, while for the third place there are three equal: N. H. Macgillivray, A. C. Wishart and R. S. Scott. W. A. Findlay and W. J. Knox are bracketed for fourth place. Mr. Findlay is also the winner of the Clark Prize for proficiency in the Greek of the New Testament, and he too has conducted classes of the Preparatory Department during the session. Here the men are grouped so closely that it would be difficult to predict the leader in the final year. Mr. MacNamara was easily first in '98, but several have crept up on him this year, and may easily divide expectation with him for 1900.

Mention has been made above of the "Clark Prizes." These are two complete sets of Lange's Commentary, presented each year, through the liberality of W. Mortimer-Clark, Esq., to the student who in examination shows the best acquaintance with the New Testament, Greek, and with the Old Testament Hebrew, one prize in each department. It is safe to say that, in generously providing these prizes year by year, for many years past, Mr. Clark has done much to stimulate independent study and accurate scholarship among the students of Knox College. This too is but one of many acts that indicate real interest in the affairs of the College.

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The first year men have a fine leader in Mr. Richard Davidson. Besides winning the First Proficiency Scholarship in his year, he is the winner of the Clark Prize for proficiency in the Hebrew of the Old Testament, and also the winner of the Bayne Scholarship for proficiency in Hebrew on entering theology. J. H. Lemon, B.A., holds the second proficiency and J. W. Stephen, N.R.D. Sinclair, F. C. Harper, B.A., J. H. Bruce and W. J. Allison follow in the order named. Mr. Davidson may not be distanced, but there will probably be changes in the order of these names next year.

Rev. J. McD. Duncan, B.A., of Woodville, received the degree of Ba-

chelor of Divinity. He has been one of the most distinguished of the recent sons of Knox. When the Chair of Apologetics became vacant by the lamented death of Prof. R. Y. Thompson, Mr. Duncan was chosen to carry on the work of the succeeding session, and so well did he fill the position that his name was freely mentioned, and indeed he received several nominations to fill the Chair permanently.

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The honorary degree of D.D. was conferred upon T. B. Porteous, M.A., of Harrowsmith, Orange Free State, S. Africa. Mr. Porteous has done excellent work in the new field, especially in the work of Church Extension.

One of the pleasant features of the afternoon meeting was the spontaneous outburst of applause on the incidental mention of the name of Prof. McFadyen. He has more than met the anticipations formed for him when he was appointed, and there is no more popular man in college halls to-day than the man who looked so thoroughly uncomfortable when round after round of applause greeted the mention of his name. Knox has been singularly fortunate in the appointments she has made. Prof. Robinson remained but a short time, but he has left his mark upon the College, and the Post-Graduate Scholarship, initiated largely through his effort, is a fitting tribute to his energy and zeal. In Prof. Ballantyne the College has one whom it has treated as a too willing burden-bearer, who has done magnificent work in spite of this treatment, and who will, it is expected, receive much needed relief very shortly by the appointment of a new Professor to take one of the Departments he has been carrying for two years. May the choice of the new man be as good as the former choices, is the devout wish of the Knox men everywhere.

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The Central Church auditorium would have held many more on Thursday evening. Dr. MacLaren's address to the class of '99 was eminently characteristic of the real man. Strange that so few students know Dr. MacLaren! It is only in after years, when it is found that the man who has followed with the utmost care every phase of their career is the man whom they expected would soon forget them. The old student, who brings his trouble to his erstwhile Professor in Theology, and seeks counsel, will find how really great and good the man is whom he once thought distant and perhaps cold. It is safe to say that to almost every man of the twenty facing him on Thursday evening as he spoke, the evidence of genuine feeling in the closing sentences was a revelation. Knox men have no truer, kindlier friend than the Professor of Systematic Theology.

The address of Rev. Wm. Patterson was straight to the point. We are glad

he decided to address the students rather than to address general remarks to the audience. His warning to avoid crutches, his advice to strike out for themselves and so gain the power to use the endowments God has bestowed, was most timely. His characterization of the ready-made "skeleton" with bones enough to make an elephant, upon which there was but flesh enough to make a boy, was a gem.

All join in the prayer, "God bless the men of '99 as they step into the active service." Of many of them we shall hear again soon, of all of them in good time. Some will work more quietly than others, but if the Master be there, they will not mind the absence of applause. Only let there be faithful work, and each life will fill its true purpose.

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At the afternoon meeting of the Alumni Association, Rev. R. C. Tibb, B.A., was elected to represent the Alumni on the Senate of Knox College for the next three years.

#### The Book.

We search the world for truth; we cull  
The good, the pure, the beautiful,  
From graven stone and written scroll,  
From all old flower fields of the soul.

And, weary seekers of the best,  
We come back laden from our quest,  
To find that all the sages said  
Is in the Book our mothers read.

—Whittier.

#### Adventures of a Wedding Ring.

In Germany the Continental custom prevails that wives should give their husbands a wedding-ring at the nuptial service in return for the one they receive from the man they have accepted. Married women are often superstitious as to the removal of their own wedding-rings, and it will surprise nobody to learn that Teuton dames are very touchy as regards the respect paid by their spouses to the token of union they have accepted. A steady-going butcher of Meissen lately lost his ring, and he was much troubled as to how he could prove that the loss was an accident. But one day a female customer from the country came into the shop. "Have you lost your wedding-ring?" said the stranger to the butcher. The latter boldly replied in the affirmative. "Well," she said, with a knowing smile on her lips, "here it is. I bought a sausage here the other day, and whilst I was cutting it up for supper my knife came upon this ring. I presume it fell off your finger whilst you were making sausages!" The brawny butcher was in a state of ecstatic joy at the ring's recovery. How few think of the sadness and grief of the Saviour when He sees men wilfully casting away the jewels of redemption He has purchased for them! (Ephesians i. 7.)