

commend our brother to the Presbytery of Halifax, and to the ministers and members of the Church in the Maritime Provinces, and we pray that grace may be given to him according to the measure of the gift of Christ to persevere in diligent labor "for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ."

Presbytery of Peterboro.

THE Presbytery adopted the following minute in connection with the resignation of Mr. MacWilliam:—"The Presbytery, in accepting the resignation of Mr. MacWilliam, would hereby express its great regret that impaired health has been the cause which has led to the step and would earnestly express the hope that his contemplated change of residence will prove effectual in restoring him to health and strength. The Presbytery would further express their appreciation of their brother's wide and varied scholarship—his lucid and able exposition of God's word, his high Christian character and gentlemanly deportment, and pray God that he may soon be able again to engage in the work for which his gifts and graces have so eminently qualified him. It was agreed on motion of Dr. Smith, that members of Presbytery using their own conveyances in doing the work of the Church should be paid expenses equal to what would have been incurred had hired conveyances been used."

College Openings.

KNOX COLLEGE.

On Wednesday of last week Knox College was opened for the winter session. The attendance of ministers, students, and of the interested public was large. Rev. Dr. Cochran engaged in prayer and Rev. Principal Caven welcomed the students to college and gave an interesting sketch of the institution. Knox College, he said, was that day entering upon its fiftieth year of work. It started in the fall of 1844, and had been steadily progressing since. There had been 539 graduates in the theological course during that period, and in addition to these gentlemen a large number had taken a partial course within her walls, while sixteen had received their B.D. degree in Knox. Last session eighty-four students took the full term in the classes, and those who took a portion of the course brought this number up to 115. It was not possible yet to say what the muster roll would be this year, but the indications were that the numbers would be well sustained. The graduating class of 1894 might not be as large as was last year's, but the class of 1893 was abnormally large, twenty-seven, being the largest in the history of the college. However, the second-year class last year numbered eighteen, and if all these gentlemen completed their course a large addition would be made to the ministry.

Looking back over the half century, now so nearly spent, it was pathetic to notice how few of those who were with the founders of those early days were still spared to labour in the Church. Their beloved and venerable friend, Dr. Reid, whom they were glad to see with them, was one of the prominent men of fifty years ago, but he (the speaker) could not remember another name to place beside that of the venerable doctor. Many of the students who had studied within those walls had passed from earth, but the great majority were still, in the Providence of God, labouring in the ministry, and there was no part of the world where they could not be found, and where the influence of Knox had not reached. (Cheers). This, however, was not a cause for pride but for humility, together with hope for the future.

It was but natural that those who loved and honoured the college should desire to fitly commemorate the completion of the semi-centennial, and, with that end in view, the Board of Governors and the Alumni Association had each appointed a committee to arrange for a proper jubilee celebration about the close of next year's course. (Cheers). It would be out of place for him to indicate at this time what the character of that celebration would be, but he might be allowed to remark that the college was a large prac-

tical body, with a practical work to do, needing the prayers and practical help of all her sympathizers. He would not dwell upon the financial necessities of the institution, but it was well known by all that she needed strengthening in many respects. She required a larger staff, and to be freed from a debt, the interest upon which was eating up altogether too much of her income year by year. The library, too, and the museum, required large additions, and he believed the joint committees having the arrangements in their charge would bear all these things in mind. (Cheers).

The inaugural address, an able effort, was delivered by Rev. Dr. Wm. MacLaren, professor of Systematic Theology, on the subject:—"The Permanence of the Sabbath in relation to the Mosaic law and the Gospel economy."

MONTREAL COLLEGE.

The 1893-4 session of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was opened last week, under very favourable circumstances, the students in attendance at the College outnumbering those of any previous year. The gathering took place in the David Morrice hall, and a large number of friends of the College were present. Rev. Dr. MacVicar presided, and among those supporting him on the platform were Revs. Prof. Ross, Prof. Coussirat, Prof. Seringer, Drs. Smyth, Barclay, Mackay, Father Chiniquy, A. J. Mowatt, J. H. MacVicar, missionary from China, and Mr. A. McGoun.

The introductory lecture of the session was delivered by the Rev. J. H. MacVicar, B.A., who chose for his subject "The Chinese Problem." A report of his very interesting address will appear in next week's issue. The following statement by Dr. MacVicar will prove of much interest to the Church:

At the end of last session eight students finished their studies with us, leaving eighty-three names upon our roll. This session thirty-four new students applied for admission, of whom twenty-four are now in attendance, or three times as many as we sent out last spring, making a total on the roll of 107, a very decided increase over any previous year. This is something for which we are devoutly thankful, and an earnest, I believe, of still better things in coming years. We have now greatly outgrown the capacity of these buildings, and the extension of them seems most desirable. The Church is calling, and rightly so, for large additions to her ministerial ranks. We are not nearly overtaking the wants of the home field, and we have barely to reach the vast outlying heathen populations of the world. I am, therefore, not content with one hundred students. I hope to live to see two hundred able and truly consecrated young men here under training for the Master. Why not? When twenty-six years ago we began with little or nothing, who then believed that we should ever attain to what we see to-night? The future will be better than the past. And in order that this might be the case I solicit the prayers of pastors and people in our behalf, that the Spirit of God may guide us all, professors and students, in the pursuit of secular and sacred learning, and that we may cultivate the faith which worketh by love, and purifieth the heart.

I am glad to announce that four of our students have gained scholarships or exhibitions in the recent competitive examinations in the Faculty of Arts of McGill College. Their names are: Major McIntosh, Summerside, P.E.I.; J. M. Wallace, North Gower, Ont.; J. C. Robertson, Robertson, N.B., and Hector MacKay, Ripley, county of Bruce, Ont.

The principal intimated that lectures would begin immediately, and that a devotional meeting of students in residence, and of all others able to attend, would be held in Convocation hall each Sabbath morning at nine o'clock. These meetings to be presided over by members of the staff.

Rev. Dr. Barclay pronounced the benediction.

REV. R. McKnight, of Dunnville, wants to get back into the Presbyterian Church.

REV. ALLAN SIMPSON was nominated as Moderator of Synod by the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Shelbourne.

THE Presbytery of Wallace met on the 26th ult. for the induction of Rev. C. Munn to Oxford.

REV. DR. MACKAY, of Guelph, has removed to 39 Hepburne street, Toronto, where he intends to make his home for the future.

THE marriage is announced of Rev. H. C. Sutherland, Presbyterian minister at Carman, Man., and Miss I. Mackenzie, of Winnipeg.

THE report that a call from the congregation of Wingham was extended to Mr. Johnston of Lindsay is not correct. Such would have been the case had he not discouraged it.

"YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES" will be the subject of a special religious conference at the next regular meeting of the Presbytery of Maitland.

REV. ROBERT ACHESON, who was pastor of the U. P. church, Galt, from 1858 to 1873 and who is now stationed at Stirling Valley, N.Y., intends to retire at the next meeting of the Presbytery, and will make Galt his future residence, having purchased a house on Spruce street in that town.

WE find the following appreciative reference to the popular minister of Barrie, in the Bradford Evening Star, Pa.: "Rev. Duncan McLeod, of Barrie, Ont., occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church yesterday morning. He was greeted by a large congregation, and fulfilled the most flattering expectations by delivering a discourse that was characterized by breadth of view, scholarly thought and progressive spirit."

The Congregation.

THE annual social in connection with Alico, Ont., Presbyterian church, came off most satisfactory.

AN entertainment in connection with the Rev. W. P. Watkins' eighteenth anniversary was held in the drill-shed, Hall's Corners, Binbrook, on the 14th. The shed was filled to its utmost. Dr. Fraser, Hamilton, gave an address, racy, interesting, instructive. The entertainment in all its parts was very satisfactory and reflected credit on the managing committee. The pastor presided. Proceeds over \$130.

THE congregation at Morwood held their annual harvest home festival recently. The proceedings comprised dinner, tea, and entertainment. At each of these functions there was a large attendance, the hall being crowded in the evening. The entertainment consisted of speeches, recitations and songs. The Revs. J. Convery, B.A.; J. Bennett, E. Aston, and J. Conley delivered appropriate addresses, while the recitations kindly given by Mr. Convery greatly pleased the audience. Perhaps the most interesting feature of the evening was the pastor's (Rev. L. Gloag) statement that the contributions of the congregation to the schemes of the Church—French Evangelization, New Hebrides Mission, etc.—have been more than doubled during the past year. The proceeds of the day amounted to fifty dollars. More successful and enthusiastic meetings the congregation have never held.

THE annual Sabbath school picnic in connection with Latona and Burns' churches, held on September 15th, was more than usually interesting and successful, from five to six hundred of an audience to do justice to an excellent, physical and intellectual feast, and to waken the echoes of the woods with the joy and gladness of the occasion. Since the induction of the Rev. John Little on the sixth of June, the congregations have been making great progress. Attendance on Sabbath services is markedly improved, church membership is increasing, missionary contributions have more than trebled; the young people's meeting has been revived and strengthened. Verily the "field was white to the harvest" and the hand of the "Lord our God" was in the calling of the reaper to garner it. We are cheered and encouraged thereby, and confidently look forward to a glorious ingathering of those that shall be saved, and an upbuilding and strengthening of the church in this part of the vineyard.—*CON.*