

come Mr. Frazer. The Rev. Mr. Carmichael occupied the chair, and short speeches were made by the Revs. Dr. Fraser of Queensville, Messrs. Amos of Aurora, Eakin of Mount Albert, McKay of Scarboro', the newly inducted pastor, and Mr. A. B. Baird, the student who had occupied the pulpit for some weeks before the induction. This part of the day's programme was enlivened by a number of musical selections by the excellent choir of the Church. The audiences both in the afternoon and evening were large in spite of the busy season of the year. Since ill-health was Mr. Frazer's reason for leaving St. Ann's and Wellandport it is to be hoped that the fresh breezes of Lake Simcoe will bring back health to him, and that the happy meetings on induction day will be the inauguration of a long and successful pastorate.

#### QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

MR. EDITOR,—A few weeks ago a communication complaining in any but complimentary terms of Principal Grant's conduct on raising an endowment for Queen's College, appeared in the columns of THE PRESBYTERIAN. I, along with many of my brethren, was deeply pained, not only to believe, but even to think, that a man could be found within the pale of our Church possessed of a spirit capable of fomenting and of giving vent to the chagrin which his letter displays. Lest, however, his language should mislead, I shall note briefly a few points which he has evidently overlooked. I would have preferred that this had been done by an abler pen than mine; but as no answer has appeared to said communication, I hope you will give this note a corner in your ably conducted journal.

The prosperity of any one of the training institutions of our Church must surely be a source of satisfaction to every member and adherent of that Church. The success of Queen's College financially or otherwise is synonymous with the success of our other colleges. This proposition few will controvert. For it is as self-evident in this connection as it is of different commercial houses carried on by the one firm. The Presbyterian Church of the Dominion is one. Her colleges are also one—one in their intention, one in their aim, one in their interests. Each should, therefore, rejoice in the prosperity of each, and should strenuously labour for that prosperity. That the representatives both of our Church and colleges did rejoice at the position which Queen's College now occupies through the energy and ability of Dr. Grant, was made manifest at the meeting of the General Assembly in June last. This is evident to all who have read the full reports of the Assembly's proceedings furnished by the daily press. In these reports there is not a word of complaint at the steps which have been taken to place Queen's College on a healthy pecuniary footing. Nor did any one find fault at the Assembly, so far as I can learn. If the writer of the said letter was present at Ottawa, he was certainly *dis-loyal* to his convictions, however *loyal* he may be to the Church, in that he did not express his sentiments in the presence of his brethren. If he was not present he should have hesitated covertly to give publicity to his chagrin, and to endeavour to prejudice the public against either any of our institutions or representative men. But great men are not always wise.

Queen's College, moreover, is technically in a position not altogether analogous to either Knox or Montreal Colleges. In neither of the latter is there an Arts department. Students who enter Knox or Montreal must pursue their Arts course elsewhere. In Queen's Arts are obtainable by every student who enrolls himself as one of her *alumni*. She is the only college of our Church which has a thoroughly equipped faculty of arts. In this faculty she is doing noble and good work not only for the Church but likewise for the country. And it must never be forgotten that in the articles of union the colleges are recognized as standing relatively to the United Church as they, previous to union, stood to their respective Churches. Hence Queen's College holds the same position in the Church of today that she formerly held in her own body. Such being the case she is free to seek aid for her Arts faculty anywhere and everywhere. No act of the General Assembly can bar her of this her prerogative, nor can I imagine that there exists a man in the Dominion who would attempt to do so.

The reports presented to the Assembly show that the country to the east of Kingston was asked only to aid the endowment of the Arts faculty of Queen's College. This fact the writer either overlooks or ignores.

Nevertheless it is a fact, and had he sought to acquaint himself with it before he rushed into print he would have saved much pain to many who are most indefatigable in their efforts in promoting the welfare of both our Church and colleges. The Arts faculty of Queen's must be maintained. As already mentioned this is ratified by the union of the two churches. To aid in the maintenance of that faculty, subscriptions have been obtained and moneys collected in the section of country complained of. Has any injury been done to Montreal or Knox Colleges in this? On the contrary, the present commercial depression once over, the very fact that Queen's has been so liberally dealt with by her friends will prove an incentive to the endowing of both Montreal and Knox. Montreal College moreover is in its infancy. As it grows in years it will grow in strength. But it must have patience.

Again, is it not short-sighted and unreasonable to seek to define the territory which shall be exclusively traversed by each college in seeking to maintain and perpetuate its existence. I am not aware that this has been attempted in any country outside of our own. What reason is there that it should be here? Now, if enforced, some of our colleges from the accident of situation, would soon cease to exist. No one desires that any of them should become defunct. They should therefore be free, and they doubtless are, to receive endowment whether for Arts or Divinity from any quarter. This principle evidently actuated Dr. Grant in his laudable and successful effort on behalf of Queen's. And that his principle has been acted upon by others is manifest from the fact, the *chief endowment Montreal has was gotten from the constituency of Queen's and Knox*. I hope "Loyal" will calmly ponder, this the fifth of the five points briefly noted. I have done.

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PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.—This Presbytery met in Whitby on July 15th and transacted the following business. Elders' commissions were given in from nine sessions. The Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee gave in their annual report, which was received, and thanks tendered to him. The Presbytery received the list of vacancies and committed them to the care of its Home Mission Committee. It also reviewed its mission stations and supplemented congregations, and appointed Messrs. Drummond, Little and Beith to visit Enniskillen congregation before any application be made to the Home Mission Committee. The Presbytery ordered the following minute to be engrossed in their records and a copy sent to Mr. Kennedy: "In loosing the tie that has so long and so pleasantly bound Mr. Kennedy and the congregation of Dunbarton together, the Presbytery considers the advanced age and the great length of time he has served in the ministry and accedes to his requests the more readily, in the hope that, freed from the active duties of the ministry, he may enjoy a ripe old age. The Presbytery would record its gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for sparing His servant so long in His ministry, and it would also record its high appreciation of Mr. Kennedy as a faithful, devoted and successful minister of Jesus Christ. Mr. Kennedy spent the first fourteen years of his ministry in the Island of Trinidad, and came to this country with his health shattered, but was ready to enter on such work as his enfeebled strength enabled him to do, until in the year 1854, with health greatly recruited, he entered on his labours in Dunbarton. The continued and still growing attachment of that people to their venerable pastor is his highest praise. The warm friendship that subsists between Mr. Kennedy and all the members of the Presbytery bespeaks his worth as a Christian brother and a true friend; and it is very pleasing to them to know that Mr. Kennedy is still to be among them to cheer them with his presence and aid them with his counsel; it is this fact that makes it easier for the Presbytery to free him from his pastoral work. That he may be long spared to witness for Christ, both by his ministerial gifts and by his ripened Christian graces, is the fervent prayer of the Presbytery; and till the Master is pleased to call him home, may he enjoy the nearer and the sweeter presence, and then may he hear the welcome 'well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of thy Lord.'" The following minute was also ordered to be recorded in reference to Mr. Hogg: "That the Presbytery hereby record their regret at losing from their membership Rev. John Hogg, a brother whom they had learned to love and esteem for his worth as a Christian minister, his geniality as a gentleman and

a brother, his readiness and fidelity to discharge all duties assigned him by the Presbytery. They would at the same time congratulate him upon the interest and importance of the field to which he has been called, and would unite in the prayer that the richest blessings of the Great Head of the Church may attend him where, in the guidance of God, he has been removed." Other items of business were transacted of less public interest and the Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. Paul's, Bowmanville, on the third Tuesday of October next at 11 o'clock a.m.—A. A. DRUMMOND, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—This Presbytery met in Durham on the 8th inst. The following are the more important items of business: The Clerk read an extract minute of Assembly intimating that the following congregations had been transferred to the Presbytery of Bruce, viz.: West Brant; North Brant and West Bentinck; St. John's, Walkerton; Balaklava; Hanover and North Normanby. Mr. D. Stewart's term of office having expired, Mr. D. W. Cameron was appointed Moderator for the next six months and took his seat. Mr. Nichol presented a call from Amos, Orchardville and Middle Station in favour of Mr. John Johnstone, signed by 182 members and fifty-nine adherents. The call was sustained, and the Clerk was instructed to forward it to Mr. Johnstone. Mr. McLeod, on behalf of the deputation appointed to visit Markdale, Flesherton and Berkeley, gave in a report which was received. Commissioners from Markdale and Flesherton were also heard, when it was agreed to continue the present arrangement of services at Markdale and Flesherton, and instruct the Presbytery's Home Mission agent to communicate with Berkley and Williamsford with a view to procure the services of a student for the remainder of the summer. The Clerk read a very full and clear report forwarded to him by Mr. Moffatt, when it was moved and unanimously agreed to "That the Clerk convey to Mr. Moffatt the thanks of the Court for the able and very satisfactory manner in which he had discharged his duties as Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee." The deliverance of the General Assembly anent the Home Mission was read, when it was moved, seconded and agreed to "That the matter of apportioning the Home Mission claims be left to the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee." Deputations were appointed to visit the supplemented congregations and report to the next meeting of Presbytery. The following deliverance anent the translation of Mr. Crozier was unanimously agreed to: "On the occasion of Mr. Crozier's translation to another Presbytery, his brethren of the Presbytery of Saugeen would take the opportunity of expressing their high sense of his character as a man and as a minister of gospel, and the regret with which they part with him. During the ten years of Mr. Crozier's connection with the Presbytery he has laboured in the large field committed to his charge with unwearied diligence and zeal and with much acceptance, proving himself a faithful minister of the gospel; he has been a very valuable member of Presbytery, attending regularly, as he did their meetings, and taking an active and useful part in the transaction of whatever business came before them, as well as taking his full share of Presbyterial work; whilst at the same time he exhibited a personal character adorned by uprightness and many other excellent and amiable qualities. The Presbytery accordingly feel the loss they together with Mr. Crozier's late congregation have sustained by his removal to another field, whilst it is their hope and prayer that he may long be spared to labour in the gospel, and that his labours may be greatly blessed." Messrs. James Murdock and D. McMillan were instructed to call a meeting of the party representing the late congregations of Priceville and Durham Road, and lay Mr. C. Cameron's claims before them, and ascertain what they are prepared to do in the matter. Messrs. Fraser, Baikie and Scott were appointed the Presbytery's Finance Committee; Messrs. Campbell, Young, Fraser, Kerr and Henderson were appointed the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee; and Messrs. McMillan, Park, Baikie, D. W. Cameron and D. Stewart were appointed the Presbytery's Examining Committee. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Knox Church, Mount Forest, on the third Tuesday of September, at eleven o'clock a.m.—S. YOUNG, *Pres. Clerk*.

THE Rev. Dr. Matthews, of New York, has accepted the call to Chalmers' Church, Quebec, and has reached that city.