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BRANTFORD YOUNG LADIES' COLLEGE.

NAMES OF LADIES COMPRISING THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS.

HONOUR LIST.

INTERESTING PARTICULARS.

The valedictory sermon to the graduating class of the Brantford Young Ladies' College was preached by the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, President of the Faculty, from the words "Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain; but the woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."—Proverbs xxxi. 30.

We have no room for even an outline of the sermon scarcely, which was practical, eloquent and appropriate. The Rev. Dr. Kemp, Principal of the College, assisted in the services.

THE CONCERT MONDAY EVENING.

The concert, previous to the Commencement Exercises of the Ladies' College, took place on Monday night in Wickliffe Hall. Notwithstanding the sultriness of the evening, the room was filled by a large number of the patrons and friends of the College, and the programme given was sustained with unabated interest throughout. The students were present in full force, occupying the forward seats, and dressed in snowy white, they lent an air of coolness and brightness to the scene which went far towards cooling the heated air in appearance if not in reality. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, President of the Faculty; and on the platform were Rev. Dr. Topp, of Knox Church, Toronto, Moderator of the General Assembly; Rev. Principal Snodgrass, of Queen's College, Kingston; Rev. Dr. Waters, of St. John's, N.B.; Rev. Dr. Pierson, of Detroit; Rev. Dr. Mellin, of the Unitarian Church, Toronto; Rev. Mr. Goldsmith, of Seaforth; Rev. Mr. Smith, of Galt; Rev. Mr. Alexander, of Mt. Pleasant; Rev. Dr. Kemp, Rev. T. Lowry, and others.

Dr. Cochrane opened the proceedings with a few suitable remarks, after which Dr. Pierson led in prayer. The programme was then taken up, the pupils all performing their parts in a most acceptable manner, clearly showing that much progress had been made, under the supervision of the teachers and tutors of the Institution, since the first exhibition. The first piece was an overture, in which Misses L. McKenzie, M. McIntosh, M. O. Harrison, and A. Devereux took part, and which was well and artistically rendered. The chorus "Obedience" was also given in a most satisfactory manner, the voices of the young ladies who sang coming out full and free. The essays read by Miss Knight and Miss Dawson proved that the English branches, and especially English composition, so necessary to the proper equipment of young ladies, are not neglected by the instructors. Both the essays, the first on "Knowledge" and the other on "Progress and Perseverance," gave evidence of original thought, and ideas anything but crude, and would have done honour to any Collegiate Institute. Miss Mary McIntosh, in an instrumental piece of some difficulty, rendered it with precision in touch and tone. The vocal duet "Friendship," by Miss Alice Chisholm and Miss Scott, was loudly applauded by the audience, as it deserved to be, as was also the solo "I'll follow thee," by Miss Bella Shaw. The French dialogue "L'Anglaise Parisienne," although we would not venture to say anything of the intrinsic merits of the piece itself, was given with much vim and spirit, and evident appreciation of its force, by Misses Goldsmith, Agur, Mackenzie, Devereux, McCallum, Smith, Elliot, and Compson. The first part of the programme was concluded with two instrumental pieces by Prof. Martens, performed in his usual brilliant style.

During the intermission the Rev. Dr. Topp, Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, being called on, expressed his pleasure at being present at the examinations during the day in the College, as also this evening. He had often heard of the admirable Ladies' College located in Brantford, but although frequently invited, had been deterred before from visiting it. He was impressed more and more with the high character of the College and its adaptation, in locality, appointments, and instructors, to carry out the purpose for which it was instituted. He paid a high tribute to Dr. Cochrane and those associated with him for their exertions in the cause of female education. It was a marked feature of this country that great attention was now being paid to the education of young ladies, and he fully believed that the mothers of the country required education just as much as the fathers. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was the presiding officer, had expressed their most hearty approval of, and sympathy with, the institution and progress of the College, and it was most satisfactory to him to have been present personally to inspect it, and bear witness to its success.

The second part of the programme began with an instrumental piece, "500,000 Tenors," which was happily rendered by Misses Goldsmith, McIntosh, Devereux, and L. McKenzie. A French declamation, "L'Homme," was clearly articulated and neatly spoken by Miss L. Fraser. Miss Shennston followed with an essay on "Power of Little Things," which, read with such appropriate emphasis and distinctness, and combined with the clearness of language, appropriateness of illustration from the affairs of every-day life, and original thought, which pervaded the essay, was highly appreciated by the audience, and justly so.

"Good-night, farewell," by Miss Mary Watt, was rendered with great taste and fully in the spirit of the song, and the violin solo by Miss Mattie Harrison fairly called a shower of bouquets from the audience as she left the platform. A duet, "Sonata in F," by Miss J. G. Murray and Miss M. McCallum, and a German dialogue by Misses Agur and Harrison were well done, as was also the "Grand Concert Waltz" by Misses T. Waters and Agur. A dramatic piece, in which Misses Riddell, Goldsmith, Maggie Bunton and Grace Mackenzie enacted the characters, afforded much merriment. Miss Riddell personated old Job Thornbury, and Miss Bunton, the grateful young man, with a desire to see the world, who turns up just at the right time in good style. The chorus "When a little farm we keep," concluded the entertainment, with the addition of the "National Anthem." The performers frequently throughout the entertainment received manifestations of approval from the audience in the shape of bouquets thrown upon the platform at the conclusion of the pieces. Prof. Martens and Miss McCarroll, the musical instructors, directed the musical pieces, while the Principal, Dr. Kemp, so managed the programme that there was no lagging or delay between the pieces. The drawings and paintings of the pupils, done under the instruction of Prof. Martens, were exhibited in the Y.M.C.A. reading-room, and their taste and finish reflected credit upon the ability of the young ladies in this branch, and upon their instructor.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS AND PRIZES, READING OF ESSAYS, SPEECHES, ETC.

The concluding exercises and presentation of prizes and diplomas in connection with the college took place on Tuesday evening in Wickliffe Hall. The audience was large as at the concert the previous evening. Rev. Dr. Cochrane occupied the chair, and on the platform were the graduating class of 1876, Dr. Kemp, Principal, Miss McPhie, Lady Principal, and the other governesses and masters of the college—also, Rev. Drs. Snodgrass, of Kingston; Pierson, of Detroit; Waters, of St. John, N.B.; Professor Bryce, of Manitoba; Rev. R. H. Starr, of Brantford; Rev. Messrs. Goldsmith, Alexander, Lowry, and others.

The first portion of the evening was taken up with the reading of the essays of the graduating class, which were all excellent in their way, and very distinctly heard in the large hall and audience. The following were the titles of the essays read by the different graduates:

Salutatory in French.....Miss L. McKenzie
"Friendship".....Miss O. Wilkes
"The Vastness and Variety of Creation".....Miss M. M. E. McLean
"Revenge".....Miss M. M. E. McLean
"Forces of Nature".....Miss M. M. E. McLean
"Labor".....Miss M. M. E. McLean
"Honor".....Miss M. M. E. McLean
"People".....Miss M. M. E. McLean
"Flowers".....Miss M. M. E. McLean
"Importance of Trifles".....Miss M. M. E. McLean
"Influence".....Miss M. M. E. McLean
"Love of Fame".....Miss M. M. E. McLean
"Wishes".....Miss M. M. E. McLean
"How did you think of that?".....Miss L. Fraser
"Thought".....Miss M. M. E. McLean
"Climbing".....Miss M. M. E. McLean
"Opportunity".....Miss M. O. Harrison
"Fault-Finders".....Miss E. Redford
"The Prospects and Aims of the Scholar, and the Valedictory".....Miss M. M. E. McLean

Of the valedictory, delivered by Miss Tillie McLean, of Toronto, we scarcely know how to speak in a manner which would do it justice. One would require to have been present to appreciate the beauty and pathos of the composition used, the feeling manner, and the clear, ringing tones in which it was delivered. To the Directors of the College, to the President, to the Principal, masters, and governesses, to the graduating year, to the comrades left behind, to the friends in Brantford, to each in turn were the words of farewell whirled upon an effect we have never seen equalled, much less excelled. And if a tremor shook the bell-like tones, as the brave words, so full of confidence, of advice, of leave-taking, which marked the closing lines of the valedictory were uttered, it left few dry eyes among the graduates, teachers, or pupils of the college. It will be a scene to be long remembered by many, as amid the breathless silence of the large audience, the last notes of the fair maiden touched the heart-strings and moved the affection and sympathy of her hearers. The fair orator was certainly the heroine of the evening, and she may rest assured that she carries with her, as she leaves her alma mater, the brightest wishes and the fairest hopes for her future happiness, of her comrades and friends in Brantford.

After the valedictory, the Rev. Dr. Snodgrass, Principal of Queen's College, addressed the audience. He felt it almost out of place to attempt to speak after hearing to many excellent essays, and such a touchingly eloquent valedictory. For several reasons he had taken a special interest in the closing exercises of the Brantford College. He was visiting Brantford for the first time, and was charmed with the beautiful heritage of its citizens and the marks of progress around. It had enabled him also to renew an old acquaintance with Dr. Kemp, and with Dr. Cochrane, a son of Paisley like himself. The time had gone by when it was necessary to use argument in support of the higher education of women. The Brantford College was a denominational institution, but it rightly managed it was all the better for that. A provincial institution might be a hot-bed of sectionalism and denominationalism; while a denominational college could be easily freed from sectionalism, while imparting the soundest doctrines of morality. It was wisdom in the promoters of the college to place it under the protection

of the Presbyterian body, thus giving a guarantee that religious principle would be inculcated without interfering with the denominations of the pupils, and giving confidence to parents that the moral welfare of their daughters would be preserved. Dr. Cochrane had referred to the affiliation of the Brantford College with Queen's College, and he certainly would give his best support and countenance to the scheme.

Rev. Dr. Waters, of St. John's, N.B., in a short speech, lauded the college and its objects. He felt that the institution was in the best sense a home and not a boarding school. The essays read showed the assistance the instruction had given in developing the intellectual and moral powers of the pupils. As one who had sent his own daughter all the way from St. John to graduate here, he had evinced his confidence in the management, and on behalf of other parents who had sent their daughters here strangers, he would thank the friends in Brantford for the kindness they had shown to the college pupils.

Rev. Dr. Pierson, of Detroit, made a few remarks on the value of education. It was a corrective of evil—a remedy for self-conceit—an antidote to egotism. It banishes superstition and beguets culture. Care should be taken, however, that in the culture of the intellect, the best blood of the heart should not be allowed to run away. Character is more than culture. He rejoiced in any college which had a Christian object, and he rejoiced when educated Christian women were given to society.

The prizes were then awarded, and the diplomas presented to the following young ladies, being the first graduating class of the college:

Miss Janet Ballingal, Paris.
" Annie Devereux, Brantford.
" Maggie Dawson, Petrolia.
" Dollina Fraser, Bradford.
" Nettie Goldsmith, Seaforth.
" K. M. Hamilton, Toronto.
" M. O. Harrison, St. Marys.
" C. Matthews, Brantford.
" M. Matthews, Brantford.
" M. McCallum, Stromness.
" B. McDougall, Stamford.
" G. MacKenzie, Hamilton.
" L. MacKenzie, Hamilton.
" M. McKnight, Hawtree.
" M. M. E. McLean, Toronto.
" E. Redford, Stratford.
" J. Riddell, Cobourg.
" M. A. Scott, Kincairdine.
" R. Shennston, Brantford.
" J. Waters, St. John's, N.B.
" M. Watt, Brantford.
" C. Williams, Brantford.

Much credit is due to the other governesses, for the most successful examination and exercises just closed, and for the bright intelligence and excellent deportment which marked the young ladies of the college.

HONOR LIST.

SENIOR CLASS.

1. Mental Philosophy.—1st, Miss M. M. E. McLean, Toronto; 2nd, Miss Jessie Riddell, Cobourg; Miss M. A. Scott, Kincairdine, equal.
2. Logic.—1st, Miss O. Wilkes, Brantford; 2nd, Miss J. Riddell, Cobourg; Miss A. Devereux, Brantford; Miss M. M. E. McLean, Toronto, equal.
3. Political Economy.—1st, Miss Kate M. Hamilton, Toronto; 2nd, Miss J. Riddell, Cobourg.
4. Moral Philosophy.—1st, Miss McLean, Toronto; 2nd, Miss J. Riddell, Cobourg.
5. Ecclesiastical History.—1st, Miss Lela McKenzie, Hamilton; 2nd, Miss Mary McCallum, Stromness.
6. Ancient History.—1st, Miss O. Wilkes, Brantford; 2nd, Miss M. McKnight, Hawtree.
7. Geography C. and P. H.—1st, Miss Annie Devereux; 2nd, Miss J. Riddell.
8. English Literature.—1st, Miss L. McKenzie; 2nd, Miss J. Riddell.
9. Rhetoric.—1st, Miss M. A. Harrison, St. Mary's; Miss A. Devereux, equal; 2nd, Miss Kate M. Hamilton, Miss Bella McDougall, Stamford, equal.
10. Physiology.—1st, Miss Kate M. Hamilton; 2nd, Miss A. Devereux.
11. Astronomy.—1st, Miss J. Riddell; 2nd, Miss Harrison.
12. Geometry.—1st, Miss Bella McDougall; 2nd, M. A. Scott.
13. Algebra.—1st, Miss Kate M. Hamilton; 2nd, M. M. E. McLean; J. Riddell, equal.

MIDDLE CLASS—FIRST DIVISION.

1. Grammar.—1st, Miss M. Buntin, Wellington Square; 2nd, Kate Dew, Tuscarora, M. Siddall, Parkhill, Kate Sproule, Brantford, equal.

SECOND DIVISION.

2. Grammar.—1st, Miss J. Parker, Jarvis; 2nd, M. McIntosh, London.
3. Composition.—1st, Miss A. Agur, Ingersoll; 2nd, Miss Buntin, Miss Compson, Seneca Falls, N. Y., equal.
4. Geology.—1st, Miss M. McIntosh; 2nd, Miss A. Agur.
5. Physiology.—1st, Miss L. Compson; 2nd, Miss M. Buntin, Miss A. Agur, equal.
6. Zoology.—1st, Miss M. Buntin.
7. Geography, first division.—1st, Miss A. Agur; 2nd, Miss M. Siddall.
8. Geography, second division.—1st, Miss M. McIntosh; 2nd, Miss B. Lamport, Victoria; Miss S. Parker, Jarvis; Miss E. Monroe, Caledonia, equal.
9. History, first division.—1st, Miss A. Agur; 2nd, Miss E. Sanderson; St. Mary's, Miss M. Siddall, equal.
10. History, second division.—1st, Miss M. McIntosh; 2nd, Miss Buntin, Miss Janet Wilson, Waterdown, equal.
11. Arithmetic, first division.—1st, Miss

L. Compson; 2nd, Miss A. Agur, Miss M. Buntin, equal.

12. Arithmetic, second division.—1st, Miss E. Monroe; 2nd, Miss A. Whinn, Miss G. Parker, Miss B. Hunter, New Hamburg, Miss Jennie Wilson, Woodstock, equal.
13. Algebra.—1st, Miss M. Buntin; 2nd, Miss L. Compson, Miss M. McIntosh, Miss A. Agur, equal.

14. Biblical History.—1st, Miss A. Agur; 2nd, Miss M. Buntin, Miss G. Parker, equal.
15. Reading.—1st, Miss K. Sproule; 2nd, Miss M. Buntin.

JUNIOR AND PREPARATORY CLASSES.

1. Grammar.—1st, Miss L. Livingstone, Baden, Miss K. McLeod, Parkhill, equal; 2nd, Miss Lottie Brothour, Brantford.
2. Geography.—1st, Miss L. Livingstone, Miss K. McLeod, equal; 2nd, M. Greer, Brantford.
3. Scripture Geography.—1st, Miss L. Livingstone; 2nd, Miss N. Wallace.
4. Writing.—1st, Miss Lottie Brothour; 2nd, Miss Bella Ott, Brantford.
5. Scripture History.—1st, Miss N. Wallace; 2nd, Miss M. Greer, Miss M. Muir, Sullivan, equal.
6. Evidence of Christianity.—1st, Miss Grace Parker; 2nd, Miss J. Fenwick, Cashel.
7. Arithmetic.—1st, Miss Emily Watson, Ayr, Miss M. Greer, equal.

EXTRA STUDIES.

Gorman.—1st, Miss M. Harrison; 2nd, Miss A. Agur.
French, first division.—1st, Miss L. McKenzie; 2nd, Miss A. Agur.
French, second division.—1st, Miss J. Riddell, Miss M. McLean, equal; 2nd, Miss M. Scott.
Music, first division.—1st, Miss M. McIntosh; 2nd, Miss N. Goldsmith, Miss M. McLean, equal.
Second division.—1st, Miss J. Waters; 2nd, Miss A. Agur.
Third Division.—1st, Miss M. McCallum; 2nd, Miss M. Murray, Lucknow; Miss L. Elliott, Inroquois, equal.
First division, vocal.—1st, Miss A. Chisholm, Oakville; 2nd, Miss Scott.
Second division, vocal.—1st, Miss B. Shaw, Woodburn; 2nd, Miss L. Henderson, Crowland.

DRAWING.

In Oil.—Miss Maggie McKnight, Hawtree.
In Water.—Miss Grace J. McKenzie, Hamilton.
In Crayon.—Miss McVicar, Paris.
In Pencil.—Miss M. M. E. McLean, Toronto.

Junior Class.—Miss Louisa Livingstone, Baden.

NOTE.—Only the first in each class receive prizes. The second honorable mention.

Presbytery of Quebec.

The Presbytery of Quebec met in Morris College, Quebec, on the 5th of July inst. The attendance was rather limited; no representation elders being in attendance at all. The following constituted the chief items of business:—Two resignations of pastoral charges were given in; the one by Rev. John McKay, of Richmond, the other by Rev. T. Brouillette, of Valcartier. The chief reason assigned by Mr. McKay for this step was the generous motive of affording an opportunity of making a better arrangement of the field, the relations of which have been so changed by the late auspicious union of the churches. Mr. Brouillette's reasons for tendering his resignation were, 1st, inadequate support occasioned in a great measure by many families leaving the district for other localities; and 2nd, his desire to have better opportunities for engaging in French mission work. It was agreed to cite both congregations to appear for their interests; that of Valcartier at a special meeting to be held in Quebec on the first Tuesday in August, and that of Richmond at the next regular meeting, to be held in Richmond on the second Wednesday in September, at 10 a.m. A petition was read from the united stations of Hampden and Scotstown, asking the Presbytery to appoint one or more of their number to attend to the duty of appointing elders and other office-bearers. Mr. Lindsay was appointed to attend to this duty at Scotstown, and Mr. Mackenzie at Hampden, at their earliest convenience. A petition was read also from the congregation of Lingwick, praying the Presbytery to appoint a member of Presbytery to moderate in a call there at an early day; stating they had now arranged for the payment of arrears due to their late minister, and that they were prepared to pay a stipend to the minister to be called of at least four hundred dollars. The sum offered as stipend being two hundred and sixty dollars below what had been offered at the last settlement, and the smallness of the sum offered now, as stated in the petition itself, being occasioned by want of unanimity; in these circumstances the Presbytery wisely refused to grant its request. The session records of the various congregations throughout the Presbytery were ordered to be produced at the next regular meeting of the Presbytery, which was appointed to be held at Richmond on the second Wednesday in September. The meeting was then closed with the benediction.

M. MACKENZIE, Pres. Clerk.

It is vain to hope to please all alike. Let a man stand with his face in what direction he will, he must necessarily turn his back on one-half the world.

Presbytery of Owen Sound.

This Presbytery met on Tuesday, the 11th day of July, in Knox Church, Owen Sound. Mr. D. McNaughton, M.A., of North Kappel and Sarawak, was elected Moderator for the ensuing year, and took the chair. Rev. Mr. Glendenning, Intely of Manitoba Presbytery, being present, was invited to sit as corresponding member. Mr. Dewar, convener of the committee appointed at the last meeting to consider Evangelistic work, gave in a very interesting report, which, on motion duly made, was received and adopted, and the committee re-appointed and enlarged with instructions to bring in at the next ordinary meeting some practical suggestions with regard to Evangelistic Work. Mr. Dewar also gave in a report from the committee having charge for the past ecclesiastical year of the contributions made by congregations to the various schemes of the church, which was received, and the diligence of the committee commended. The following committee, for the same purpose, for the present ecclesiastical year, was appointed, viz.: Messrs. B. Dewar, convener, E. B. Rodgers, and G. Harkness. Mr. Whimster, the Home Mission Agent, reported that according to instructions given him at the adjourned meeting held in the city of Toronto in June last, he had sought for the services of a qualified missionary for Parry Sound District, and he was now able to state that Mr. James Miller, catechist, had signified his willingness to go there. He was instructed to engage Mr. Miller, and also to send Mr. P. McBean, student catechist, to labour in conjunction with Mr. Miller until the first of October. All Session Records were ordered to be produced for examination at the next meeting. The clerk was instructed to write to those congregations which had not sent their annual returns and no reports on the state of religion. Mr. Whimster was appointed to visit Parry Sound at his earliest convenience and report. The following Home Mission Committee was appointed for the ensuing year:—Messrs. Whimster (convener), M'Innes, and Clark. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in Owen Sound, and within Division Street Church, on the 8th Tuesday of September, at 10 a.m.

Indian Begums.

The begums had begun arriving long before we were ready for them. They all came in close carriages, and as no gentleman could be permitted to have a look at them, all those of our party were banished to the streets. I had heard so much of these begums that I felt extremely curious to see them, and was glad when everything was declared ready, and they were summoned down stairs. They very soon flocked into the room. Some were very handsomely dressed, while others, on the contrary, had nothing grand about them but their titles. The dress was peculiar, but not ungraceful. It consisted of trousers of silk or satin made very full and long (a couple of yards or more trailing on the ground), and gored besides, so that it looked not unlike a trained skirt. To avoid being tripped, and having their fine clothes trodden on, they looped it up in festoons thrown over the arm, yet so that it still touched the ground, not having even the feet exposed. Over their heads they wore the usual chudder, or thoshala; some of common calico, others of silk or satin, richly embroidered with gold and silver thread. The most handsomely dressed of all were two sisters; their veils or chudders were so thickly covered with gold embroidery that they seemed to be woven of gold and silver thread, and were quite heavy and stiff. One of them—the elder one—let it fall from her head on to her neck, the better to display her jewels, I suspect. She had a splendid necklace on, and so many other ornaments adorned her breast, and neck, and arms, that she was dazzling to behold. She was very fair in complexion for a native of India, and had a self-satisfied and rather sensual look. Her sister was very different; she kept her gurgous, heavy veil on her head, and seemed a modest, retiring woman, and a lady in her manners. She had a long, delicate, gentle-looking face, pleasing, but not at all pretty. I was disappointed in not seeing a single beautiful or handsome woman among them all, and there were between sixty and seventy there. I saw a few, not more than two or three, who might have been called pretty; the rest were very ordinary looking women. Some one told me afterwards that the beauties of a Mohammedan household are never allowed to cross the threshold of their homes, and this might be the reason we saw none. Some of these ladies had endeavored to beautify themselves in a strange way. They had powdered their foreheads and cheeks with what looked like gold dust prepared in some mysterious way, so that it could not easily come off. I saw a few who had frizzled their front hair; and one old begum, to make up for the want of hair, had a thick rope of yellow and red silk attached to the back of her head, and she looked so ridiculous!

Golden Hours.

For the information of any ladies who may have prepared work to be sent to India, to be disposed of there on behalf of the Zenana mission, in response to an appeal some time ago published in this paper, we are requested to state that a box will be despatched to Madras about the 10th of August. Any ladies wishing to send contributions would oblige by forwarding them to the care of Mrs. P. D. Brown, Montreal; or Miss Macfar, Kingston, before the above date.