

KNOX COLLEGE, TORONTO.

CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

At the closing exercises of Knox College, which were held on Thursday afternoon, April 7th, in the public room of the institution, there was a large gathering of friends of the students, ministers of the Church and general public. Among those who occupied seats on the platform with Principal Caven, who presided, were: Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Minister of Education; Rev. Dr. Moore, Moderator of the General Assembly; Chancellor Wallace, of McMaster University; Chancellor Burwash, of Victoria; Principal Sheraton, of Wycliffe; Professors McLaren, Gregg, Ballantyne, Prondfoot, Robinson and Rev. Mr. Ramsay, of Ottawa.

The proceedings were opened with the singing of the 96th Psalm, reading of the Scriptures and other religious exercises.

Rev. W. G. Wallace, the Chairman of the Board of Examiners, then read out the list of honors which had been captured by the students of the various classes.

First year theology—Central church, Hamilton, scholarship, \$60, and St. James' Square church, Toronto, scholarship, \$60—J. W. McNamara and H. J. Pritchard, B.A. Eastman scholarship, \$60—H. Matheson, Floor Street church, Toronto, scholarship, \$50—W. A. Pirclay, R.A. Goldie scholarship, \$40; Gillies scholarship (I.), \$30, Gillies scholarship (II.), 30—N. H. McGillivray, P. J. Maxwell and R. S. Scott, Dunbar scholarship, \$30—S. F. Johnston.

Second year theology—Elizabeth Scott scholarship, \$75—T. Eakin, B.A. J. A. Cameron scholarship, \$60—R. G. Scott, B.A. Knox church, Toronto, scholarship (I.), \$60; Knox church, Toronto, scholarship (II.), \$60—T. R. Robinson, B.A., and J. G. Taylor, B.A. Loghrin scholarship, \$50—J. I. Murray, B.A. Heron scholarship, \$30; Boyd scholarship, \$30—T. C. Hood, B.A., F. Matheson and A. H. McGillivray, B.A.

Third year theology—Bonar Burns scholarship, \$80—A. G. Sinclair, B.A. Fisher scholarship (I.), \$60—G. B. Wilson, M.A., LL.B. Fisher scholarship (II.), \$60; R. H. Thornton (memorial) scholarship, \$60—W. D. McPhail and J. A. Moir, LL.B. Jane Mortimer scholarship, \$50—S. H. Gray, B.A. Cheyne scholarship, \$30—R. W. Dickie, B.A.

Special prizes and scholarships—Prince of Wales prize (\$60 a year for two years)—E. A. Wicher, M.A. Bayne scholarship, \$50—H. J. Pritchard, B.A. Smith scholarship, \$50—T. R. Robinson, B.A. Brydon prize, \$50—T. R. Robinson, B.A. Janet Fenwick prize, G. Arnold, B.A. Clark prize (I.), New Testament Greek, A. G. Sinclair, B.A. Clark prize (II.), Old Testament Hebrew—R. G. Scott, B.A. Post-graduate Fellowship—A. G. Sinclair, B.A., and G. B. Wilson, M.A., LL.B. (equal).

Those who stood first in the classes were: First year theology—New Testament literature and exegesis—J. F. Johnston and J. W. McNamara. Hebrew exegesis—H. J. Pritchard, B.A. Systematic Theology—H. J. Pritchard, B.A. Christian History—J. W. McNamara. Biblical Criticism—H. Matheson and H. J. Pritchard, B.A. Apologetics—J. W. McNamara. Old Testament literature—J. W. McNamara, H. Matheson and H. J. Pritchard, B.A. Education—R. J. McAlpine.

Second year theology—New Testament literature and exegesis—R. G. Scott, B.A. Hebrew exegesis—R. G. Scott, B.A. Systematic Theology—T. Eakin, B.A., T. C. Hood, B.A., J. W. Little, M.A., T. R. Robinson, B.A. Christian history—T. R. Robinson, B.A. Apologetics—T. C. Hood, B.A. Old Testament literature—J. I. Murray, B.A., R. G. Scott, B.A. Christian government—T. Eakin, B.A. Elocution—T. Eakin, B.A.

Third year theology—New Testament literature and exegesis—A. G. Sinclair, B.A. Hebrew exegesis—A. G. Sinclair, B.A. Old Testament literature—A. G. Sinclair, B.A., and G. B. Wilson, LL.B. Systematic theology—R. W. Dickie, B.A., and H. McCulloch, B.A. Apologetics—G. B. Wilson, LL.B. Christian history—G. B. Wilson, LL.B. Christian government, etc.—W. D. McPhail, J. A. Moir, LL.B., W. W. McRae, B.A., A. G. Sinclair, B.A. Elocution—R. W. Dickie, B.A., H. McCulloch,

B.A., A. G. Sinclair, B.A., and G. B. Wilson, LL.B.

POST GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP.

Prof. McCurdy then made an announcement in regard to the post-graduate fellowship, which has been introduced into the College this year. He said that Prof. Robinson and he had been associated in the examination of the candidates and had also pronounced on the theses submitted. The gentlemen who had written were Messrs. J. A. Moir, G. B. Wilson and A. G. Sinclair. The theses had been carefully examined and the result arrived at was that Mr. Wilson and Mr. Sinclair were so equal that it was impossible to say to which the fellowship should be given. Mr. Moir's examination and essay were also well worthy of the fellowship, but the treatment by him of his subject was not on the same lines as that by the other two, and they were therefore given the preference. Finding that they could not divide between Messrs. Wilson and Sinclair, they had submitted the matter to a number of the friends of the College and the result was that two fellowships instead of one would be given, the value of each being \$300. Messrs. Sinclair and Wilson will accordingly each have a fellowship and will spend the time it gives them in special study in Europe.

The diplomas were then distributed to the graduating class as follows:—

George Arnold, B.A., James Barber, B.A., W. D. Bell, John A. Clark, B.A., W. T. Ellison, W. H. Farrer, S. H. Gray, B.A., A. R. Gregor, B.A., D. Johnston, A. A. Leing, B.A., W. T. McBain, H. McCulloch, B.A., D. B. MacDonald, B.A., N. A. McDonald, B.A., W. D. McPhail, W. W. McRae, B.A., J. A. Moir, LL.B., J. P. Muldrew, B.A., Thomas Oswald, W. A. Rae, B.A., A. G. Sinclair, B.A., T. C. Smith, B.A., Wm. Wallis, G. B. Wilson, LL.B., W. S. Wright, B.A.

Rev. Dr. Moore introduced Rev. James Stuart, of Preston, on whom was conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

The degree of B.D. was also conferred on Rev. Donald McGillivray, B.A., of Honan, China; Rev. A. Mullin, B.A.; Rev. William Farquharson, B.A., and Rev. Robert Halden, B.A.

Rev. Principal Caven then delivered a short address which brought the proceedings to a close.

THE EVENING MEETING.

A public meeting was held in the evening in St. James' Square church, which was addressed by Rev. Prof. Robinson and Hon. Geo. W. Ross. The church was crowded and Principal Caven occupied the chair. Prof. Robinson's address to the students was a strong and able deliverance. He pointed out to them that in their capacity as ministers of the Gospel they should have high ideals. They should be preachers in the best sense of the word, and they could only be this by diligent study of the Bible. They should also be pastors, and never fail to guard and lead their flock. Their highest goal should be to do all that they did for the glory of God. In closing he bade farewell to the College and its staff. Hon. Geo. W. Ross also spoke at some length.

THE VACANCY IN THE FACULTY.

In the morning a joint meeting of the Knox College Senate and Board was held for the purpose of considering the choice of a professor to fill the chair vacated by Rev. Dr. Robinson. There were twenty-one nominations from the various Presbyteries, and six independent applications for the position. The names of those thus placed before the meeting were:—Prof. Beattie, Louisville, Ky., who is a graduate of Toronto University and Knox; Prof. Kerwell, Lincoln, Pa.; Prof. Murray, Toronto; Rev. F. J. C. Sin, Chicago; Rev. M. McFadden of the Free Church College, Glasgow, Scotland; Rev. James A. Kello, Allegheny, N.Y.; Prof. Fowler, Knox College, Galesburg, Ill.; Rev. J. A. Macfarlane, Ottawa; Rev. Paul Davis, Ph.D. McAllister College, St. Paul, Minn.; Rev. W. G. Jordan, Brockville; Rev. L. H. Jordan, Toronto; Rev. Mr. McKenzie, of Orangeville. The following committee was appointed to consider the matter of a selection in time for a report to be made to the General Assembly:—

Mr. Mortimer Clark (Convener), Rev. Principal Caven, Rev. J. A. MacDonald, Mr. J. K. MacDonald, Mr. John A. Paterson, Rev. Dr. Parsons and Prof. McCurdy.

Church News

[All communications to this column ought to be sent to the Editor immediately after the occurrences to which they refer have taken place.]

MONTREAL NOTES.

The annual meeting and institute of the Presbyterian S. S. Association for the city and neighborhood was held in Crescent St. church, on Tuesday afternoon and evening. The report showed that the schools were in a prosperous condition, having 610 teachers and 5,413 scholars on the roll. Their contributions for all purposes during the year were \$5,028. The Institute was conducted with the aid of the Rev. Dr. J. A. Worden, of Philadelphia, Superintendent of S. S. Work for the Presbyterian Church of the United States. He gave two admirable addresses one on the "Need of Spiritual Power in Sabbath School Work" and the other on "The Twentieth Century Movement" for increasing the attendance in our schools by 50 per cent. before the year 1901. He also conducted two conferences with the superintendents and teachers present, one on "The Advantages and Methods of Memorizing Scriptures," the other on "The Quarterly Review." At every point he showed his great practical common sense and sympathy with the real aims of the Sunday School rather than with new-fangled methods. Excellent addresses were also given by the Rev. F. M. Dewey and the Rev. James Fleck.

On Saturday there passed away at Joliette in his eighty-ninth year, the Rev. Joseph Vessot, who for nearly sixty years had laboured as an evangelical missionary among the Roman Catholics of Lower Canada. He was one of the earliest missionaries brought out from France by the old French Canadian Missionary Society, arriving in 1840. At that time Protestantism was entirely unknown among the French Canadians. So ignorant were the people and so credulous of any kind of statement made by the priests that on more than one occasion he had to remove his shoes in order to satisfy them that he was not cloven footed as they had been assured. The change that has been wrought in the passing years is indicated by the fact that hundreds of Roman Catholics attended his funeral as a mark of respect to a man they had learned to honor. He was ever characterized by fervent piety, transparent simplicity and thorough kindness. He had the tact that comes from abounding love. No prejudice could long withstand his unflinching gentleness and not a few were led to examine the Scriptures for themselves as the result of conversations held with him at one time or another. There are now four organized French Protestant Churches in the district which formed the chief scene of his labours.

At the weekly prayer meeting in Erskine church on Wednesday last the Rev. A. J. Mowat read a letter just received from Dr. P. C. Leslie, of the Honan Mission. The letter was dated Feb. 19th from Chu Wang. Dr. Leslie was in the best of health, was working hard at the language and conscientiously making progress. He had met with the Presbytery and gained an insight into the details of the work. He was impressed with the earnestness and zeal of the native converts as well as with the ability of the missionaries and their grasp of the situation. They were longing eagerly for Dr. Malcolm's return to resume the pressing medical work which is found so important and valuable from every point of view.

The Rev. Prin. MacVicar left on Wednesday evening for Philadelphia to attend a meeting of the Executive of the Presbyterian Alliance. He expected to be absent a week.

On Monday morning last the Rev. Dr. Barclay read an excellent paper before the Protestant Ministerial Association on "Browning as a Religious Teacher." The subject is one on which he is entirely at home and the paper was much appreciated by the large number present.

The marriage of Mr. F. Wilson Fairman, manager of the Dominion Wire Manufacturing Company, and Miss Mary Warden, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Warden, took place at the residence of the bride's father,