

SERIOUS PROBLEM FACES COLLEGES

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placed the cost of this work at \$30,000. When this was done, Knox College would still be an old building, and no amount of repair could make it different. It was not modern enough. Then the present location was very poor. Knox College should be in closer proximity to the University of Toronto. Several sites were available, one of which was especially satisfactory. He moved that the assembly grant the board permission to sell Knox College and purchase a suitable site for the new building. The money could be raised among the connexion. Many wealthy citizens had told him that they would give money towards a new building, but not a cent for repairs to the old structure.

Rev. W. J. Clark seconded the motion. He gave a historical resume of the work done by Knox College in the past. All the money spent was well repaid by the splendid return in men, and if they had faith in the future any further expenditure would make even greater returns. He clearly showed the disadvantages of the present location.

Have One Great Institution.

Hon. John Charlton was an advocate of the consolidation of the theological faculties. He wanted one great theological institution of which the denomination could be proud. He wanted one to compare favorably with Princeton and other American theological seminaries, towards which the

Post-graduates in arts (extra-mural)	14	12
Students in theology	38	36
Students in practical science	162	191
Students in medicine	208	223
Registered in two faculties	980	1,066
Total number of students	957	1,042
Increase over preceding year	60	85

In the theological course there were 30 students attending. Of these twelve graduated, ten of them being graduates in arts.

Queen's Big Endowment.

The movement to secure an additional endowment of \$500,000 had been carried on, and was resulting in considerable success. The claims of the fund had been discussed in 125 congregations, and subscriptions were being paid in, and others circulated for the fund.

Discussion in pulpit and on platform has been supplemented by abundant distribution of literature descriptive of the history and work of the university. The results flowing from this cannot be estimated by subscriptions alone, but by increased knowledge of the university and the extension of its influence. This campaign of education regarding the ideals and progress of the institution has been very materially aided by the press. Its attitude has been most gratifying, for in addition to the church papers, twenty-four dailies and nine weeklies in widely separated districts have given large space to making known what Queen's is rendering to the country, in many cases publishing illustrated articles and sympathetic editorials.

Financial returns, while disappointing in many quarters, have on the

gistrate of the city of London. It affords me great pleasure to welcome you to this city, this metropolitan city, I had almost said.

"I am told that it is ten years since the assembly met here. Those of you who were here ten years ago will agree that the city has grown a great deal. And I must say that Presbyterianism has grown in that period, as several new churches have been established. "And when I say that I welcome you to the city of London, I do not mean by mere words of the mouth, but we extend to you this welcome from the bottom of our heart.

"And we hope that your visit will be one of pleasure as well as profit. It has been said that in London the Scotch get everything. Well, if you do not get everything you want, ask for it, and it will be given you." (Laughter.) His worship called London the city of churches, and added that all of these churches are doing excellent work. London has no slums. Workmen own their homes. These men live in the best way, and we may thank Providence that we have a city that on the Sabbath worships God. He also spoke of the brotherly feeling that exists between the clergy of the different denominations. He thought it could not be duplicated in any city in Canada. He concluded by wishing the assembly prosperity.

Prof. Baird, of Winnipeg, made a happy reply on behalf of the assembly. The hospitality of London was undoubtedly, as he carried in his pocket at this moment the latchkey of the home at which he was staying. He referred to their visit to Vancouver last year, when the mayor came bedecked with gold chains and pendants, and he thought there were ribbons attached to them also. But if the London mayor was short on gold lace, he was long on the heartiness of the welcome given.

Prof. Baird referred to the splendid progress London had made during the past few years. He appreciated the beauty of the city and the happy growth in its domestic and religious life.

Judge Forbes, of St. John, N. B., also replied, and ably seconded Prof. Baird's sentiments.

Moderator Dr. Falconer spoke highly appreciative words of the reception that had been tendered them by the city of London.

The deputation then withdrew.

COUNTY BUILDINGS FORMALLY OPENED

Lambton Municipal Association
Organized—June Weddings—
Successful Students.

Sarnia, June 7. — At non-jury sittings of the high court before Mr. Justice Tiesdel, in the Petrolia, an action for damages brought by Mrs. Kettle against the town of Petrolia for the death of her husband, by being thrown out of a wagon by reason of a defective roadway, defendant was awarded \$100 and costs, Judge Justice Tiesdel, an action for wages, was dismissed, but defendant was awarded \$100 for false arrest.

Among those who successfully passed the medical faculty exams at Toronto University are the names of J. A. Simpson and H. H. Mosher, first year; H. Craswell, second year; R. Y. Kenney, G. Gray and T. L. Towers, third year, and Miss C. B. Murdoch, fourth year, all former students of Sarnia Collegiate Institute. John Cowan passed his first year examinations in arts course, and N. E. Towers, second year, political science, with honors.

A quiet wedding took place on Wednesday at the home of Mr. Bert Rowbotham, Davis street, when Miss Stella Rowbotham became the bride of Mr. D. W. Sharp, of Cygnet, Ohio. Rev. J. J. Paterson, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, officiated. The home of Mr. W. A. Logan, Euphemie street, was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday, when his eldest daughter, Miss Lexy A., was married to Mr. George H. Warning, G. T. R. engineer, by Rev. J. W. Baird. Miss Mae Goodall played the Wedding March, while Miss Madge Vance, of Birnam, and Mr. Edward Jackson, of Sarnia, acted as bridesmaid and groomsmen.

The meeting for the organization of a municipal association of Lambton County was held in the town hall on Wednesday afternoon, with Warden F. C. Watson in the chair. Those on the platform included Messrs. Barr, Sarnia; John Fraser, Petrolia; Robert Rae, Theford; Joshua Adams, James Kerr, Sarnia; Capt. Pollock and P. D. McCallum, Forest. Warden Watson welcomed the representatives of the different municipalities, and John Farrell and W. A. Graham each made a happy reply. The association was organized and the following officers were chosen: Honorary president, ex-Warden Robert Rae, Theford; vice-president, ex-Warden Wm. Nesbitt, Dawn; secretary, John Dalziel, county clerk; treasurer, D. N. Sinclair, Sarnia; auditors, ex-Warden Albert Duncan, Petrolia, and Joshua Adams, ex-mayor of Sarnia. Officers to compose the executive committee, Petrolia will be the next meeting place, dates to be fixed by the executive committee. Adjournment was then made to the new county buildings, where addresses were delivered by ex-Wardens Albert Duncan, W. H. McManis, George A. Proctor, Dr. MacLean, and W. A. Brock, and the buildings were declared formally opened. In the evening the hundred or more guests were banqueted by the city council at the Hotel Northern. Among the speakers at the banquet was Robert Rae, the oldest county councillor living in Lambton, who had the honor of dining with the (then) Prince of Wales at Point Edward, in 1860.

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Canadian youth had drifted in large numbers. The whole church wanted one great theological institution, to which they could look up.

Principal MacLaren declared that the American and British theological colleges were suffering from a lack of men to a far greater degree than Canada. The death of candidates for ministry was becoming a serious matter, but it was not so serious here as in the other countries. As far as he could see there was no great efflux of students to American colleges. If there was consolidation, such a college should be centered in Toronto.

Ministry Does Not Attract.

Mr. J. K. McDonald rose to remark that the ministry did not attract young men like it did 20 or 30 years ago because they had become disgusted with the treatment that old ministers had received. He saw great difficulty in the way of consolidation. All the colleges were well endowed, which would be willing to give up?

Rev. J. A. MacDonald was not so sure that to have only one theological institution was the best thing. He was not convinced that it would be the wise thing for Knox or Queen's or Montreal to move out of the constituency they now occupy. There is money enough being made and that will be made to endow them abundantly. There should be these opportunities for the rich man to spend his money well. The theological institution is vital to a university. Knox has been a vitalizing power to Toronto University. He paid a glowing tribute to the professors in those institutions.

"Man for man, they are the equal to any professors in Princeton, Union or Chicago," declared Mr. MacDonald amid applause. He asserted that the theological institution was the recruiting ground for the ministry. It touched the corporate life of the university and very many men in the Christian ministry were there because these men had touched them during their university careers. He thought it a calamity to close any of the colleges.

Felt Lack of Students.

Principal Falconer presented the report of the Presbyterian College, Halifax. They, too, had felt the lack of students, but the prospect for the future looked encouraging from the standpoint of numbers.

Principal Springer presented the report of the Presbyterian College, Montreal. There were seven in the graduating class. The financial aspect of the college had been most satisfactory.

Principal Gordon presented the report for Queen's University, and it was most satisfactory. The enrollment for the session had been as follows:

Students in arts (in attendance)	335	383
Post-graduates in arts (in attendance)	24	33
Undergraduates in arts (extra-mural)	199	188

whole been fairly satisfactory, considering the many heavy claims upon the university. It was reported that the General Assembly in June, 1905, that about \$125,000 had been promised. The total amount now assured, including cash contributions, subscriptions and sums secured by bequest, is about \$230,000. Of this amount \$106,000, in subscriptions, have already been entered on the university books, of which \$51,671, have been paid up to April 16.

The Chief Discouragements.

The chief discouragements which at times have made the work very trying have been: First, very considerable indifference among ministers and other church leaders as to the responsibility they assumed in asking the university to maintain its life-long relationship to the church; second, the difficulty of securing suitable men who would at different points devote several weeks or months of their time and their energies to awakening the interest of the people and to soliciting subscriptions. The slowness with which subscriptions have come in has been partially due to the fact that much of our work has been done in sections of the country and church where heretofore Queen's has been comparatively little known. Information must precede interest and active cooperation. This preliminary work might well be done in much larger measure by the trustees, friends and graduates of the university, and by the ministers, and office-bearers of the church. Important and promising districts are yet practically untouched, such as Montreal, Quebec, Kingston, Lanark and Renfrew, and large sections of Western and Northern Ontario. If the people to whom we appeal are to enter with spirit and intelligence into the movement such preparatory work will form the key to the situation.

Meantime the interest is widening and deepening. Many graduates of other universities are aiding not merely by sympathy, but by generous gifts and the increase of students and graduates, and the frequent setting forth of the work of the university in pulpits, platform and press are giving the country a much truer appreciation of its ideals and the quality of its instruction. We have every confidence that, as the movement continues to gather strength, our plea will become more convincing to men of both large and moderate means and will result in a more liberal response to the growing needs of the university.

Several speakers spoke enthusiastically of the work Queen's University was doing, and all thought it a wise move when they decided to keep the university under the control of the church.

The Civic Welcome.

It was shortly after 5 o'clock when the deputation from the city council, composed of Mayor Judd, City Clerk Baker, Ald. Matthews, Ald. Armstrong, Ald. Gillen and Ald. Wyatt, waited on the assembly to extend a welcome to London.

Mayor Judd said: "As the chief mag-