

Then, it might also be shown how open the way is to becoming a minister. The expense necessary to this is very little in Canada, where we have free education, and where remunerative missionary work is provided for the students in the summer months, or where they may "lie out" a year and teach, in order to replenish the purse.

Our College Letter.

KNOX COLLEGE, Toronto, March 9th, 1885.

MY DEAR GRADDE,—Will you excuse a short letter this time, even though it may be the last this year. The chief matters of interest that have transpired since I wrote you last have been the election of new committees for the various societies and college organizations. Instead of giving you an account of these now, I shall send you a copy of the April "Monthly," where all these closing matters will be fully detailed.

The Missionary Society have appointed their men for the coming summer's work. Sixteen fields are to be occupied, nine for six months and seven for four months and a half; five of the fields are in Manitoba. It has been arranged that the student missionaries employed by the Society shall appear before the Committee of the Toronto Presbytery to be approved by them, as has been required hitherto of students sent out by the Home Mission Committee. The plan of having papers on missionary topics prepared by various students and read before the Society, which has proved so useful and interesting, is to be continued next year. The students who are to read the papers will be appointed this spring. In this way they will have time to collect the necessary information during the summer.

I told you there had been some discussion as to the form the closing exercises should assume this year. Some were in favor of having something of a social nature about the time of closing—an opportunity for the graduating class to say farewell to their city friends. It has been finally decided, however, to have no change in the old form this year. There will be the usual academic exercises in Convocation Hall in the afternoon, and a public meeting in one of the city churches in the evening. At the latter meeting it is expected that papers will be read by some one of our distinguished alumni, and by two of the students. It was found impossible to get a suitable evening for the projected social gathering. W. A. Duncan, for the graduating class, and J. L. Campbell, for the remaining students, will read a valedictory and reply respectively. The general opinion among the students seems to be that there will be danger of this form of closing growing somewhat monotonous unless some way of varying it is discovered. The Glee Club will render a couple of anthems at the evening meeting. I have heard the pieces, and they are very fine.

The annual sale of papers and periodicals passed off last week with the usual amount of interest and fun. Our popular auctioneer who graduates this year will be much missed in this as in other capacities.

And now, my dear Gradde, I must bid you a hasty good-bye. With best wishes,

Yours (in terror of exams.),

A. LOFAR.

Rev. John Gradde, The Manse, Procul.