

since it began work in 1844. The oldest living graduates were Rev. J. B. Duncan, '48, Toronto; Rev. Dr. Yule, '49, Goderich; Rev. Dr. Gray, '50, Orillia; Rev. Robert Rogers, '50, Owen Sound; and Rev. Andrew Tolmie, '51, Southampton. The three students who entered the first year were afterwards known to the Church as Rev. Dr. McCaul, Chatham; Rev. Robert Wallace, Toronto; and Rev. A. MacKinnon. Dr. Caven urged upon his audience the importance of securing suitable men for the ministry. He said that if families were pervaded by a distinctly Christian atmosphere the young people could easily be directed into the Church. Not merely young men of conspicuous ability should be selected, but rather those who indicated a purposeful, serious character and had a capacity for training.

The Principal announced that Rev. Dr. Torrance of Guelph, had made a gift of \$1,000 to the college to establish a scholarship in Old Testament literature.

Professor Robertson said in opening that in the course of his first year's work he had found a responsive sympathy among his students, and concluded that the bright Canadian sunshine was a symbol of the warmth of Canadian hearts. Coming to his subject, he took the ground that the conceptions of creative power and of creative method must stand together, and that the former must determine the latter. Since God is One, He will everywhere be true to Himself in the realm of nature as in the Kingdom of Grace. Hence in the material world there are evidences of wisdom, purpose and benevolence, and the fields of science are fields where reason reigns.

In creation, the lecturer declared, things made an actually new beginning, as a result of an act of will on the part of the absolute Being Himself in such a way "that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

Among those on the platform were his Honor Lieutenant-Governor Clark, Rev. Dr. Milligan, Principal Sheraton and Rev. Armstrong Black, D. D.

Quebec.

The fiftieth anniversary of the opening of St. Andrew's church, Sherbrooke, Que., was marked by special services on Sunday last. Rev. Dr. Bayne of Pembroke preached both morning and evening.

At the close of the morning service, Rev. Mr. Shearer, the pastor, made an appeal for a large collection towards the Building Fund of the church. The debt on the church stood at \$2,800, and he asked that the trusts be enabled to wipe out one thousand dollars at least of that amount this year, and concluded by stating that he hoped to see the mortgage burned inside of two years.

The collection in the morning, in aid of The Building Fund amounted to \$751, and in the evening, \$171, making a total of \$922, but it is expected that the difference between the latter amount and \$1,000 will be made by contributions yet to be returned.

The Rev. J. R. MacLeod, the interim Moderator of Chalmers' Church, Quebec, moderated in a call in that church on the 4th. Oct. The call came out unanimously in favor of the Rev. Wylie C. Clark, B. D., of Brampton, Ont. The call will be dealt with by the Presbytery of Quebec shortly, and the congregation is looking forward to an early and happy settlement.

Dr. Fraser Inducted.

Dr. Fraser, who had been appointed to the vacant chair of Professor in New Testament Literature and Exegesis at the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was inducted in the David Morrice Hall Wednesday night. On that occasion he delivered his inaugural address, when he took for his subject, 'The Argument for Religion.'

Daniel James Fraser was born in Alberton, P. E. I., on Sept. 15, 1866. He is the son of the late Rev. Allan Fraser, and of Ann, daughter of the Rev. Professor Keir, D. D., one of the pioneer Scottish ministers of Prince Edward Island. After attending the primary and grammar schools of his native village, he was graduated from Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, with a first class teaching diploma. After three years of teaching he entered McGill College,

graduating as B.A., with first class honors in philosophy, and valedictorian, in 1890. In 1893 he received the degree of B.D., from the Presbyterian College, Montreal, where he had pursued his theological studies for three years. He was lecturer in classics at the same institution for two years, editor-in-chief of the 'College Journal' and gold medalist at his graduation. He was ordained to the ministry at Wolfville, N.S., where he remained as minister of St. Andrew's Church for two years. After spending a winter in Harvard College under the late Professor and Thayer, the famous New Testament scholar, and a summer in Europe, he was inducted as minister of St. Stephen's Church, St. John's, N.B. In the same year he received the degree of S.T.B., from Harvard, and LL.D., from the University of New Brunswick.

Lindsay Presbyterial Society.

The second annual meeting of the Lindsay Presbyterial Society was held in Fenelon Falls on 21st. September, Miss Robinson of Beaverton presiding.

The morning session was devoted entirely to business. One new auxiliary, that of Scribright, was reported. The President and Vice Presidents gave reports of the different auxiliaries visited which showed the work to be in an enviable condition. The afternoon meeting took the form of a farewell meeting to Miss Agnes Dickson whose home is in Fenelon Falls. The meeting opened with devotional exercises, the bible reading being given by Mrs. Kannawin of Woodville. After necessary business had been transacted Miss Dickson was called to the platform and was made the recipient of a very handsome revised version of the Scriptures by Mrs. Stewart of Lindsay and of a volume of Lampan's poems by Mrs. McDougall on behalf of the Lindsay auxiliary.

Mrs. Ross of Lindsay then gave a short address giving something on the Macao mission, assuring Miss Dickson of the interest and prayers of the whole Presbyterial Society. Miss Dickson then rose to reply. After thanking those who had given her the gifts she told of the unspeakable privilege she felt it to be to go out to tell the story of the cross and everyone as they listened felt that Miss Dickson is fully consecrated to the Master's use. Miss Dr. Little who is to be Miss Dickson's co-worker then said a few words and the meeting was brought to a close. The evening meeting was more in the nature of a farewell from the church and village. Rev. Mrs. Sinclair occupied the chair and stirring missionary addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Sinclair of Sonya and Rev. Mr. Cameron of Wick. An address from her friends in the church was read to Miss Dickson by Miss Brandon and a purse of gold presented by Mrs. Chambers. Miss Dickson and Miss Little both gave short addresses after which the meeting was brought to a close by singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

Miss Dickson and Dr. Little are being sent to Macao by the Woman's Board of Montreal and are to sail from Vancouver on Oct. 21st.

Notes on Y. P. Societies.

Presbytery Clerks who have not yet forwarded the names of Convenors of Committees on Y. P. Societies in their respective Presbyteries would confer a favor by doing so at an early date.

Rev. H. Matheson, LL.B., Convener of the Committee on Y. P. Societies in the Presbytery of Orangeville is making arrangements for a convention in Shelburne next month. Mr. Matheson may be depended upon to see that the programme is of high order.

Corresponding secretaries are not required to report the formation of new societies, but some of them do and I am always pleased to hear from them. A few days ago a society was organized in Pleasant Valley, Rev. C. A. Ferguson, pastor. May the society be as attractive as the name it bears. The latest report received is from Chalmers' church, Woodstock, Rev. Dr. MacKay, pastor, where a Bible Study Guild has been organized. The programme to be followed consists of 27 studies in the words and works of Jesus. This should make an instructive and helpful course for the winter. The Guild is well officered and has missionary, lookout and musical committees.

It may not be out of place to direct attention anew to two recommendations passed at

the last meeting of the General Assembly— "That in Presbyteries where no presbyterial union exists steps be taken to organize one, but if the formation of such a union be considered impracticable, that the Presbytery hold annually a convention in the interest of the Young People and invite the Societies within the bounds to send representatives thereto." "That in Presbyteries where it is deemed inexpedient to hold an annual convention, a place be given on the docket at least once a year, preferably in the autumn, for the consideration and discussion of the work of Y. P. Societies."

Many of the Societies are evergreens. They hold on their way summer and winter and become stronger and stronger. Others are organized only for a winter campaign. Now is the time for the reorganization of those that disbanded last spring. Would the young people permit me to suggest that unless they wish to form a Christian Endeavor Society, they call their organization by the name Presbyterial Guild, or some modification of it such as Presbyterial Devotional Guild, Presbyterial Missionary Guild, Presbyterial Educational Guild, or Presbyterial Social Guild. The model Constitution of the Presbyterial Guild does not make provision for Boys' Brigade, but with this exception it meets the requirements of almost every form of organization, no matter what department of study or work may be contemplated. Now that the General Assembly has sanctioned the name Presbyterial Guild, it might be given the preference when new Societies are being formed. At present we are somewhat bewildered by the variety of names. In one Presbytery there are thirty-six Societies existing under no less than sixteen different names. Probably three-fourths of them might have been designated as suggested above. It is worth while to look into the model Constitution of the Presbyterial Guild to see if it cannot be adopted as a constitution by the Society which is being formed.

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