

wishes to Rev. J. E. and Mrs. Duclos before their departure for Europe. A purse was presented to the pastor and a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Duclos, accompanied with a very suitable address. Refreshments were served by the ladies and a most delightful evening was spent. As delegate, Mr. Duclos will attend the Pan-Presbyterian Council in Liverpool.

#### British and Foreign.

Rev. G. E. Nicol, Rosebank U. F. church, Nairn, has got a call to Edinburgh.

The Kirk Session of Inverurie U. F. Church has resolved to add nine new elders.

Rev. D. D. Smith preached his farewell sermon at Fraserburgh, Scotland on the 29th ult.

John A. Dowie met with a rough reception when he attempted to "convert" London. The British press speak of him as "the Profit."

Principal Rainy left Edinburgh on the 7th inst. for London to attend the hearing of the Free Church appeal in the House of Lords.

The heaviest rain experienced for years past has been falling in Jamaica. Between the 9th and 13th inst. the fall amounted to as much as twenty inches.

Rev. Hugh Black, of Edinburgh, conducted the anniversary services in Rothsay West U. F. church on the 29th ult. He had not preached in his native town for thirteen years.

John A. Dowie's second instalment of Zion City notes were met as they became due on June 14. The total payments to date amount to \$140,000 leaving \$160,000 still out, due \$100,000 in September and \$60,000 in December.

At the Presbyterian Alliance Conference in Liverpool on June 28th, 350 delegates will represent 90 churches, 240 synods, 1,400 presbyteries, 2,700 ministers, 130,000 elders and 5,000,000 members. Among the prominent speakers will be Dr. Caven, of Toronto, the president.

Two electrical firms in Germany are said to have elaborated schemes for the construction of a high speed railway from Berlin to Hamburg, a distance of 180 miles. One company is ready to guarantee a speed of 125 miles an hour. The Kaiser is said to be the pioneer of high-speed electric railways.

It is understood that the operation recently performed by Major Bird, the Viceroy's surgeon, on the Ameer's hand, was only just in time to save his arm, and, indeed, his life. Dr. Bird was most rigorously guarded during his residence at Cabul. The operation on the Ameer was performed in the presence of the principal officers of State. His Highness refused chloroform and bore the operation with the utmost fortitude.

#### Graduating Exercises.

##### Ottawa, Ladies College Closed for Season

Presentation of Diplomas, and Addresses by Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Senator Frost and Rev. Dr. D. M. Ramsay - The Prize-winners.

The graduating exercises of the Ottawa Ladies' College were concluded yesterday with the distribution of Diplomas and prizes in the afternoon and a reception by the students at night. Rev. Dr. Armstrong, president of the board, presided. Mrs. Ross, the retiring principal, gave a statement of the year's work, after which the academic students were presented with diplomas. They were Miss Elizabeth Ralph, Miss Annie Chalmers, Miss Mildred Gillespie and Miss Ruth Haanel. The commercial course students, Miss Fernie Kerr, and Miss Florence McGee were presented with their Diplomas by Senator Frost, who spoke of the importance of young women fitting themselves for earning their own livelihood, even if there was no immediate prospect of them having to do so.

The elocation Diplomas were presented to Queenie Fluker and Annie Findlay and a music diploma to Eleanor Ross. Rev. Dr. Armstrong made these presentations and spoke encouragingly of the work done during the past year. The year had been one of the most successful in the history of the college and the good results shown had been accomplished without overtraining. The three essential features were health of body, soundness of mind and correctness of life. Education in the Ladies' College, the speaker said, was more rational and psychologically correct, more adaptive than that obtainable in the public, or private schools, or even in the universities.

On behalf of George Hay, Rev. Dr. Ramsay,

presented Bibles and Hymn Books to a number of students for memorizing scripture. Other prizes for memory work were presented by Mrs. Ross.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, in his remarks at the conclusion, referred to the departure of Mrs. Ross, who has been principal for some years and paid a high tribute to her ability in the position she has occupied in the college. He also spoke in kindly terms of her successor, Mrs. Needham, who is coming to assume the responsible duties. She is highly recommended and the board has the utmost confidence in her efficiency and suitability for the principalship.

A pleasing feature of the proceedings was the presentation to Mrs. Ross of an address and purse containing a handsome sum of money. Miss Ethel Crombie, on behalf of the students read the address and made the presentation.

In the evening the students held a largely attended and very enjoyable reception when the guests were received by the principal, Mrs. Ross, and members of the staff in turn. During the evening an informal musical programme of songs and pianoforte solos was rendered, as follows: "Mendelssohn Song," Miss Tebbutt; "Violets," Miss G. Ferguson; "La Fileuse," Miss E. McQuat; "The Carnival," Miss T. Kerr; "Nocturne," Miss H. Bidlock; "Mavourneen," Miss E. A. Kerr; "Water Lily," Miss E. Tye; "Flight of Ages," Miss Tebbutt; "Duetto," Miss E. Kerr and "Only Once More," Miss Isa Dey.

Refreshments were served down stairs, the room being prettily draped in green and white, which colors, also wound about the pillars and formed the schemes for the floral decorations of palms and daisies. Upstairs there were more beautiful flowers and banks of palms and with the pupils flitting about in their dainty white frocks, among the guests welcoming their friends and chatting in unstrained enjoyment, the scene was a very happy one. The visitors also spent some time in the art room and were apparently much pleased with the exhibit there. A number of city clergymen were present.

#### Sabbath Observance.

Rev. Dr. Caven preached in St. Paul's church, Toronto, on a recent Sunday morning on the danger of the abolition of the Christian Sabbath. He said that the Jewish idea of the Sabbath had been entirely too narrow and it was possible some Christian people had gone too far in regard to its observance. But it was not necessary to lecture a Toronto audience against too much regard for the Sabbath. The danger was in the opposite direction. The day was made for man's benefit and made to endure as one of rest for body and mind. It had often been demonstrated that men could do as much work in six days as in seven and even machinery required rest. Thousands of men in Toronto saw their families only on Sunday and its abolition would destroy these family reunions and family worship. In Berlin only four per cent. of the male population went to church and other continental cities were the same. The opportunity of speaking to the heart and conscience of the people was lost and no temporal advantage could take the place of this loss. An eminent literary man of Toronto had said that the Sabbath was a Jewish institution and its observance could not be expected in a large commercial centre. But there was an analogy between God's six days of labor and one of quiescence. If the Sabbath commemorated the creation, what had the Jew to do with it? The day was lodged in the very heart of the decalog and its observance was as binding as the other commandment. In the New Testament, the Lord emphasized its importance as made for man the world over.

The Sabbath was now being largely desecrated, especially in manufacturing districts. In Berlin and Peterboro machinery had been introduced in the sugar and cereal factories that, it had been decided, was necessary to keep running seven days a week. Christian people must think seriously. The alarmists had not been exciting the people unnecessarily. The disregard for the Sabbath had been coming in from the United States like a flood and barrier after barrier was being thrown down. Whenever it was possible to make larger dividends, the work was going on. The Lord sanctioned works of necessity and mercy. If money-making was to be considered a necessity, the Sabbath was gone.

To secure a quiet restful day, it was necessary to use strictly moral arguments and to reach the conscience of the community. This was the stand taken by the Lord's Day Alliance. If this did not succeed, legislation could not. The legislature had not right to interfere with the per-

sonal liberty of anyone, to make men go to church or to read the Bible, but it should be asked to preserve in quiet the Lord's Day. The workmen were with the churches on this question, for the unions knew it was for their benefit and there was a greater percentage of Christians among them than among the rich. The convictions of the country work themselves out in the legislature, and it can give man the opportunity to go to church, which alone the Lord's Day Alliance was seeking.

#### The Presbyterian Summer School.

Summer Schools are doing a very important work for the church by training Sunday School teachers and equipping young people for leadership in Missionary work and Bible study. The programme of studies of the Presbyterian Summer School, at Knox College Toronto, has just reached us from the Secretary, Rev. K. M. Hamilton, B.A., Weston, Ont. Its leading features are Devotional Bible Study, Principles of teaching, Child study and Missionary methods.

A Sunday School teacher ought to know at least three things; the scholar, the lesson, and the principles of teaching. These are all well provided for by the program. The Bible study is conducted by such able and attractive teachers as Rev. Prof. J. E. McFadyen, M.A., of Knox College; and Rev. John McNichol, B.D., Toronto Bible Training School.

Frederick Tracy, Ph.D., a psychological expert of Toronto University will lecture on Child Study. F. W. Kelly Ph.D. of Montreal, one of Canada's most noted elocutionists; and Miss Mary Adair, Kindergarten specialist, Philadelphia Normal School, will set forth the Principles of teaching.

The Missionary department is strong both as to information regarding the mission fields and missionary methods. The prime requisites for successful work in a congregation are an active missionary committee, a missionary library with maps, charts, etc., a mission study class and frequent missionary meetings. These will be dealt with in a very practical manner by Rev. R. P. MacKay, D.D., in connection with a study of Japan.

Rev. J. C. Herdman, D.D., Home Mission Superintendent, is intrusted with the interesting department of Home Missions. He will discuss the missionary's environment, the missionary's own spiritual life and the missionary's work.

One of the delightful features of this school is the residence of the students in the College, where accommodation is provided for both ladies and gentlemen at a moderate cost. Everything gives promise of another successful session this year from July 4th to 14th.

#### Induction at Kirk Hill.

Thursday, the 16th, inst., was a red letter day in Kirk Hill, when a very large congregation assembled for the induction of Rev. Allan Morrison into the pastoral charge of that congregation. Rev. J. U. Tanner, the moderator of Presbytery, presided, and inducted Mr. Morrison. Rev. N. H. McGillivray, of Cornwall, preached an appropriate sermon from John xxi. 5. Rev. R. A. Gollan addressed the new pastor regarding the responsibilities and opportunities of his office. Rev. T. G. Thompson then spoke in suitable terms to the congregation with regard to the way in which they co-operate with their pastor. Rev. J. W. Maclean, the late pastor of Kirk Hill, sent a telegram of congratulations from Sydney, Cape Breton, expressed in the words of Scripture.

At the close of the service, a hearty welcome was given the new pastor and his bride, by the members of the congregation.

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