

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Rev. C. W. Whyte has left Binscarth for Winnipeg, where he will engage in journalistic work.

Rev. Mr. MacBeth is preaching a course of sermons on the Psalms at the morning services in Augustine Church.

Mr. J. S. Mackay, evangelist, of Stollarton, Nova Scotia, is now holding services in Kildonan Presbyterian Church. The attendance at these services is growing day by day, and the interest deepening.

New churches are the order of the day in the west just now. The points at which they are to be erected would be too numerous to mention; but the settlements are outgrowing the early houses of worship.

Rev. Jas. Carlswold was inducted on the 11th of April to the pastoral charge of Meadow Lea and associated stations, Rev. Joseph Hogg, Donald Munro and R. G. MacBeth, taking part in the induction service.

Pending the rebuilding of their church, some time ago destroyed by fire, the Presbyterians of Minnesota are holding their services in Peterson's Hall. The new building is expected to be ready for occupation in June.

It is likely that the Board of Manitoba College will hold a special meeting at an early date to discuss the vacant principalship. It is a good thing to know that the Canadian Church has material at hand to meet the situation.

Peditions are ruining in upon the Local Legislature asking for a prohibitory liquor law as far as the Province can give it. There is no doubt that such a law could be enforced here as the sentiment of the people is overwhelmingly in favor of it.

Rev. D. Carswell, Carberry, who has been unwell for several weeks, was able to conduct service last Sunday, dispensing the sacrament of holy communion to his congregation. There was a good turn out, a good service, and his people were glad to see him in his pulpit again.

The students are beginning to gather in from the mission fields for the summer session in Manitoba College. There is every indication of a large attendance and there certainly will be a strong professional staff. Professor Baird will deliver the opening lecture on the evening of April 18th in the Convocation Hall on a question of practical interest.

Municipal ownership is a phase of the social problem here; and the citizens of Winnipeg have just voted on a by law for raising money for a city lighting plant. The result of the vote is still in doubt, but in any case the example of Glasgow and other cities is leading men to think that private companies absorb too much of the people's money.

The Ministerial Association of Winnipeg the other day, discussed the question of "Federation of Churches in city work." The discussion was opened by Dr. Duval and proved of much interest. There was a general feeling that churches should be made responsible for the several sections of the city so that no part of it should have a non-churching population.

The Town Council of Portage La Prairie having expressed the intention of taxing the Presbyterian Indian School there some cross-firing has taken place between them and the Synod's Foreign Mission Committee. Some members of the Council made statements which drew such a warm reply from the conveners, Prof. Hart and Baird, that one of the councillors threatened to libel suit. Whatever be the merits of the correspondence we feel sure that the Portage Town Council has shown a very poor spirit in wishing to tax an institution that brought money from outside to their town and that had advertised Portage La Prairie very widely.

HAMILTON.

The anniversary services of Central Church, Hamilton, were held last Sabbath, (April 9th). Rev. Prof. McPadyen, of Knox College, preached at both services. In the morning his text was "We Would see Jesus," John 12, 21. A question asked Philip by certain Greeks. This was the moment Jesus had waited for, those the Son of Man would be glorified. It is never easy to see Jesus; it requires an effort. These enquirers did not go to the scribes, but directly to one of Christ's disciples. We are called to follow nothing but the highest: "Thou art Christ," was Peter's cry; and it is the only one we need. We do well to beautify our service, but we must be careful not to leave Christ out. The Jews missed seeing Him. Christ has lifted everything on earth up to Him; he has transfigured the world and can be seen everywhere. To see Christ as He was, to hear what He said, we must go to the Gospel and nowhere else. No man can describe Him for another. Matthew

saw in Him the fulfilment of Jewish hopes; Luke—the gracious Lord; John—the Son of God, who was in the beginning with God. We must see Him as we are to be at our best. Finally, to see Jesus is to see God. A German writer says "Before Christ we heard of God, but in Christ we saw Him." Come unto Him by daily, patient study of what He did. He who was in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Himself. Mrs. Macleod, pastor of St. Andrew's school, on Monday evening Prof. MacKenzie of Trinity University lectured on "Kipling" and the Reformation hymn was sung.

Presbyterian College Convocation.

Exceptionally bright and interesting were the proceedings in connection with the annual convocation of the Presbyterian College which took place last week at the David Morrison Hall, three well known dignitaries, in the persons of the Rev. W. J. Herridge, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa; the Rev. Alexander Falconer, of Petou, N.S., and the Rev. K. Johnston, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, London, received the degree of Doctor of Divinity; three others, in the persons of the Rev. R. F. Byers, of Edinburgh, and the Revs. J. C. Robertson and W. F. B. Crombie, of this city, were advanced to the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, while fourteen members of the graduating class received testimonials.

The addresses, especially that of the Rev. Dr. Herridge were eloquent and graceful, and were listened to by a very large audience.

Rev. Principal MacVicar presided. He was accompanied on the platform by Principal O'Connell, of McGill University; the Rev. Prof. Campbell, the Rev. Prof. Gossard, the Rev. Prof. Scrimger, the Rev. Prof. Ross, the Rev. Mr. Patterson, the Rev. Dr. George, Mr. J. E. Stevens, the Rev. Dr. A. B. McKay, the Rev. Dr. Johnston, the Rev. Dr. R. Campbell, the Rev. Dr. Barclay, the Rev. Dr. Herridge, of Ottawa; the Rev. Dr. Amerson, the Rev. Mr. Waddell, the Rev. Mr. Mowatt, the Rev. Mr. McLaren, the Rev. Mr. N. A. Macleod, the Rev. Mr. MacKenzie, the Rev. Mr. Woodhouse, the Rev. Mr. MacLachlan, the Rev. S. J. Taylor.

The list of medalists, scholarships and prize winners, as given elsewhere in this issue, was read by the Rev. Prof. Campbell. The conferring of degrees followed, the candidates for Bachelor of Divinity being presented by the Rev. Prof. Scrimger. The Rev. Prof. Campbell presented the Rev. R. Johnston for the degree of Doctor of Divinity, and the Rev. Dr. Barclay appeared in a similar capacity for the Rev. Mr. Herridge. Both gentlemen delivered short addresses eulogistic in the main of the life work and attainments of the reverend gentlemen who were to be so signally honored by their Alma Mater. The Rev. J. L. George, M.A., requested, in the case of the Rev. Mr. Falconer of Ottawa, who was unable to be present at the convocation proceedings, that the degree of D.D. be conferred on him in absence.

THE VALEDICTORY.

On behalf of the graduating class was delivered by Mr. W. T. B. Crombie. It was an able effort, being quite original and humorous in its style.

The presentation of diplomas to the graduates of the year followed the reading of the valedictory, their names being as follows: Messrs. J. N. Brunton, Mr. Byron, W. T. B. Crombie, B.D., B.A.; H. G. Crozier, R. J. Douglas, B.A.; C. Houghton, W. E. Knowles, A. S. MacLean, S. MacLean, B.A.; D. Oliver, A. D. Reid, Rev. J. C. Robertson, B.D., B.A.; J. T. Scrimger, B.A.

DR. MACVICAR'S ADDRESS.

The convocation proceedings were brought to a close by the annual address of Principal MacVicar, who said:—

There have been added to the library during the past year, 150 volumes of recent works on theology; 65 of these are the gift of the chairman of the Board of Management, Mr. David Morrison, to whom we tender cordial thanks.

The graduating class which takes leave of us to-night is one of excellent promise, and we shall confidently hope to hear of the success of the several members in the Master's service. Four of the fourteen are sons of ministers, and the class has been addressed wisely and ably, as you have heard, by one of our alumni, Dr. Herridge, himself the son of a minister.

I am glad to say that we have always had among our students a considerable number of ministers' sons, and we can wish for no better men. The Blue Book directs ministers to be on the look out for men of the right stamp for the sacred office in fulfilling this duty not a few of them begin at home. They show their appreciation of their own blessed work by commending it to their offspring. There are, of course, exceptions to the rule. I remember a minister when I was elected to begin the work of this college offering me condolence upon my

being appointed to make men miserable. This was pessimistic and utterly erroneous. Ministers as a class are the happiest, as they certainly are the most useful, members of society. Hence the obvious inference that the proper support and development of colleges for training men for the office is fundamental to the stability and growth of the church.

We may theorize as we please about home and foreign missions, but this simple fact is undeniable that where we have godly, able, and thoroughly educated men placed, there good and great work is done, whether at home or in heathen lands, and where we have not such men missions and congregations languish, and prove a failure.

It is, therefore, matter for thankfulness that in the last thirty years we have done fairly well—some would say unusually well—in securing the bare necessities of a theological seminary. Yet for, that we are far from being fully equipped. There is still ample room for benefactions to aid in liberality to those we have enjoyed in the past. Our endowments are quite inadequate. We should have a larger number and more valuable scholarships offered for competition, and these should be endowed. We should have one or two travelling fellowships for students to lecture, enabling us to secure from time to time, the services of eminent alumni and others who have pursued special lines of study.

How are these wants to be supplied? Will our alumni who are pastors of wealthy congregations, persuade their people of the great and permanent good they are doing by attending to them? Or will the Century Fund projected at last General Assembly bring us relief in these respects? Let us hope so.

As a rule it has been our good fortune hitherto to close our annual accounts without a deficit. From intimations given me by our treasurer, this year is likely to be an exception. There have been great expenditures unavoidably in connection with drains and repairs to the buildings. I trust that before the Board of Management reports to the General Assembly no adverse balance will remain. At any rate I cannot personally give the matter further attention just now, as I leave in a few days, along with my colleagues, Dr. Scrimger, to aid in the work of the summer session of the Manitoba College, which has suffered a severe loss by the lamented death of Principal King, whose large and long-continued services to our Church and country all gratefully recognize.

I may add in this connection that the college for which he worked so ardently and successfully could not, and cannot now, carry on its classes but for the services rendered without remuneration by the professors of this and other institutions. This state of things is not satisfactory. Let us hope that better and brighter days are seen to dawn upon us all.

The meeting was closed with the singing of the doxology and the pronouncing of the benediction by the Rev. A. J. Mowatt.

Graduates and Prize Men.

The results of the examinations at the Presbyterian College are as follows:—

ACADEMIC AWARD.

Gold medal, Hugh Mackay scholarship, value, \$60, prize in architecture—Mr. J. C. Robertson, B.A.

Silver medal, prize in architecture—Mr. W. T. B. Crombie, M.A.

Crescent Street scholarship, value \$50—Mr. S. MacLean, B.A.

David Morrison scholarship, value \$100—Mr. F. J. Worth, B.A.

W. Brown scholarship, value \$50—Mr. G. McGregor.

St. Andrew's, London, scholarship, value \$50—Mr. W. J. Inglis, B.A.

Peter Rathbath scholarship, value \$70, prize in elocation—Mr. H. H. Turner, B.A.

Walter Paul scholarship, value \$50—Mr. A. G. Cameron and J. D. Campbell, equal.

James Sinclair scholarship, value \$25, first prize in architecture, prize in English reading—Mr. J. T. Scrimger, B.A.

Northwest scholarship, value \$25—Mr. H. S. Lee.

Lochead scholarship, value \$40—Mr. A. W. Lochead.

Prize in elocation—J. T. Reid, M.D.

Prize in public speaking—Mr. H. G. Crozier.

Prize in English essay—Mr. Hector Mackay.

Balkie prize—Messrs. L. Hardy and D. Stewart.

French Prizes.

Wm. Ross scholarship, value \$40—Messrs. M. Byron and J. Roy, equal.

Knox Church, Perth, scholarship, value \$50—Mr. L. Abram.

McNab Street Church, Hamilton, scholarship, value \$40—Mr. C. Lapointe.

Emily H. Frost scholarship, value \$35—Mr. H. Joliat.

Prize for French essay—Mr. J. E. Coulin.