

liffe College, Rev. Dr. D. H. Fletcher of Hamilton, Prof. Bowles, Prof. Gilmour, Rev. D. A. N. Grant, Rev. Joseph Gandier, Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Dr. W. B. Geikie, Dr. R. A. Reeve, members of the Senate and Board of Knox College, and professoriate of the college.

The singing of a psalm selection inaugurated the proceedings, following which Rev. Dr. D. H. Fletcher conducted the reading and Rev. Dr. McMullen, of Woodstock, offered prayer.

The occasion had, in a more immediate sense, a two-fold significance. It signalized the public retirement of the veteran theologian who for the past few years has so ably conducted and guided the destinies of the institution; it marked the induction of his successor from the young manhood of the church, earnest, forceful and eloquent.

The valedictory of Principal MacLaren was a benediction and an impetus. The white-haired theologian, who told the gathering that he had long passed the allotted span of human life, was greeted with an ovation by the students. His farewell was affecting; his message militant. "The Church needs to bestir herself," he said. "She needs more good men of character and ability in her ministry to grapple with the problems of rapid immigration and sudden growth of communities. May the College continue to cherish an aggressive type of Christianity and be the congenial home of the missionary spirit."

Sir F. Mortimer Clark spoke briefly. It had been decided, he said, to give the Principal additional opportunity to devote himself to the work of administration. He spoke for the college an increased interest and aid from the Church, following which he formally introduced the new principal.

Rev. Dr. Gandier, who was greeted with enthusiasm, and in whose honor the students sang several songs, said the work of the college was characterized by local adherence to the principles of the reformed type of doctrine as the most adequate expression of the teaching of Holy Scripture, and an aggressive type of Christianity pervaded by the missionary spirit.

#### Tribute to Predecessor.

Rev. Dr. Gandier offered his thanks for the reception which greeted him, and paid tributes to his illustrious predecessors in the principate. Turning to the objects and effort of the college he maintained that the removal of the building will aid in developing the Presbyterian element in the group of federated colleges surrounding the University of Toronto. Toronto was the great student centre of Canada, and it was well to be in closer touch with the young manhood of the Church.

Of the teaching and academic work Dr. Gandier confessed himself conservative in his thought of the training that best fitted men for the ministry of the gospel. Practical and scientific training had great value, but the basic training for the ministry must always be the type of education which, in the Old World universities, had received the name of "the humanities." Classical education was of great value, for in these languages the Word of God was written. The importance of Christian philosophy was emphasized in days when distinctive social problems were clamoring for solution. The great text book, however, was the Bible, and the basis of study an exegetical inquiry into the Old and New Testaments. Successful ministry must interpret the spirit of Christ as wrought out in present day social conditions. The aim of Knox College was to rouse the heart and intellect of its graduates to grapple with the problems of the age, and send them forth with the love of Christ

burning in their hearts. Dr. Gandier appealed to the Church to stand loyally behind the institution and its work, to give it their financial support, and to encourage their sons to enter the Christian ministry.

Following his address the new principal conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on the following ministers: Rev. Frederick B. Duval, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly; Rev. Daniel M. Gordon, D.D., LL.D., principal of Queen's University; Rev. Daniel J. Fraser, B.D., Montreal Presbyterian College; Rev. J. Dick Fleming, B.D., Manitoba College; Rev. Donald McGillivray, B.D., Shanghai, China; Rev. William Farquharson, B.D., Durham, Ont.; Rev. William J. Clark, Westmount, Que., and Rev. John Macdonald Duncan, B.D., Toronto. The recipients were presented by Rev. Prof. Kilpatrick.

Rev. D. W. J. Clark conveyed the congratulations of the Alumni to Principal Gandier, and Principal Gordon, of Queen's spoke for the sister colleges.

Rev. Dr. F. B. Duval, of Winnipeg, gave an eloquent address on the opportunities and mission of the college, following which the closing prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. John Somerville.

#### SCOTLAND'S SUPPLY OF ARCHBISHOPS.

Scotland has given another high dignitary to the Church of England, in the person of the new Archbishop of York, who as Bishop of Stepney recently came prominently before Canadians, having not many weeks ago been chosen by the Synod of Montreal as successor to the late Bishop Carmichael, a position which he declined. He has not had to wait long for a higher honor than the diocese of Montreal sought to confer upon him. His predecessor, Archbishop MacLagan, who has retired on account of age, was also a Scot, and the present Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Davidson, and his predecessor, Archbishop Tait, both came from north of the Tweed. More, the new Archbishop of York was brought up a Presbyterian, being a son of Rev. J. Marshall Lang, one of the outstanding figures of the Scottish church, who succeeded Dr. Norman Macleod as minister of the Bazaar Church, Glasgow. The Archbishop of Canterbury is by law the highest personage in England after the Royal family, and the Archbishop of York takes precedence after the Lord Chancellor. When a coronation takes place his Grace of Canterbury places the crown on the head of the King, and his Grace of York performs a like duty for the Queen Consort. The former has the oversight of twenty-seven bishops, the latter of ten. It is a tribute to Scottish character and training that she has furnished so many great dignitaries to the Anglican church.

One of the most aggressive churches in Toronto, particularly in the work of foreign missions, is St. John's Presbyterian, situated east of the Don, in a growing part of the city. Rev. J. McP. Scott is its first and only minister, and under his fostering care it has grown and flourished. On Sunday last it celebrated its twentieth anniversary, when the services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Gandier, the new principal of Knox College, of which Mr. Scott is an alumnus, and Rev. Dr. Du Val of Winnipeg, moderator of the General Assembly. The congregation entered into possession of a new and handsome church edifice not many months ago.

#### MR. WISHART AT BEAVERTON.

The anniversary services on Sabbath, Nov. 8th, in Knox church, Beaverton, were very interesting and successful. Both morning and evening large congregations assembled to hear the former pastor, the Rev. A. C. Wishart, B.A., of Brussels, Ont. Mr. Wishart was always a strong, stirring preacher, but on this occasion he far exceeded former efforts—a love and tenderness not so apparent before, breathed through every sentence. It did his old friends good to hear him and find that he was not standing still as a preacher, but was growing in pulpit power.

On Monday evening the ladies of the congregation provided a most bountiful Thanksgiving supper. The evening was fine and bright and many from the surrounding towns and country brought their Thanksgiving festivities to a close by driving to Knox church. After supper all went up stairs, where a very excellent programme was rendered. Again the choir was assisted by Miss Defoe and also by Mr. Tay, a bass soloist from Old St. Andrew's, Toronto, and by Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, of Toronto. Mr. Henderson ably presided at the organ. Miss Trenes, of Port Perry delighted all by her rendering of several very good recitations. Mr. Wishart gave a bright and useful address, when the evening was brought to a close by hearty votes of thanks to the friends who had so kindly helped out with the programme. A verse of the National Anthem was sung and the evening was over. Rev. Mr. McRae, pastor, presided.

#### WINNIPEG PRESBYTERY.

At a recent meeting of the Presbytery the session of Westminster church gave notice that Hon. D. Laird had been chosen to act as representative elder; and the session of Riverview church, that Colin Campbell had been so chosen.

In view of the need of supervising and helping the work among Chinese and other foreigners in the city, the following foreign mission committee was appointed: Rev. J. W. Macmillan, convenor; Dr. Hart, W. A. Maclean, R. B. Hay and James Thomson, elder.

Rev. Dr. Farquharson presented the home mission report, which recommends, first, that the Little Britain congregation be re-arranged by attaching to it Cloverdale Station, which is now removed from Clondeboye.

The congregations of Parkdale, Little Britain and Cloverdale now agree to call a minister, guaranteeing a stipend of \$80 and a manse, which is supplemented by a grant of \$100 from the augmentation fund.

Several congregations were shown to be indebted to the church and manse building fund to the extent of \$9,000, and an effort will be made to secure payment in order that the Presbytery may assist new charges in the outlying sections.

#### MARITIME PROVINCES.

Rev. D. S. Dix, a graduate of Knox College in 1906, will be inducted to the pastorate of St. James' Presbyterian Church, Dartmouth, N.S., on December 15th.

The United Presbyterian Church, of New Glasgow, N.S., will shortly have as its pastor, the Rev. John H. MacVicar, B.A., who, after several years spent in Honan, China, has lately been located at Fergus, Ont. A son of the late Principal MacVicar, Mr. MacVicar was the founder of the Presbyterian College Journal (Montreal) over twenty years ago.

Rev. W. R. Cruickshanks, of Montreal, has been preaching in St. Andrew's church, Martintown.