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## QUEEN'S CONVOCATION.

KINGSTON, April 28.—The sixty-eighth session of Queen's University was concluded this afternoon when the spring convocation was held in Grant Hall. There were no special features connected with convocation this year. On account of the ever-increasing numbers of graduates, the convocation has of necessity developed largely into routine, for Queen's still caps and holds her graduates. She dislikes to discontinue this old practice, but the time will come when it will be necessary to eliminate this interesting ceremony. About 160 students were graduated in the arts, science and medical courses.

Four honorary degrees were conferred. Two of these thus honored were present, viz., Rev. Professor H. A. A. Kennedy of Knox College, presented by Rev. Professor Ross for the degree of D.D., and Professor E. Barnard of Yerkes Observatory, Williams' Bay, Wis., presented by Professor N. F. Dupuis for the degree of LL.D. The latter degree was also conferred upon Hon. Thomas H. McGuire, Prince Albert, Sask., formerly Chief Justice of the Northwest Territory, whose name was presented by Principal Gordon, and upon Alexander Graham Bell of Brantford, whose name was presented by Professor Cappon.

It is stated that Professor William Nicol of Queen's School of Mining will present a gift of \$40,000 to the directors of the school for the erection of a building on condition that he be given a certain annuity. Professor Nicol is a native of Kingston and a Queen's graduate. He studied in Germany, and has been the head of the department of mineralogy in Queen's for some time.

There is a likelihood that the question of separation from the Presbyterian Church will be reconsidered by the University Trustees Board and that the matter will not be pressed upon the General Assembly in the manner in which it was decided by the resolution of the trustees last October. The question was thoroughly discussed last night by the University Council, the graduate body, and much new light was thrown upon the subject.

It was shown that there was no surety of Queen's benefitting by separation from the Church. It was receiving as much Government aid as it probably ever would, and there was no bright outlook for help outside its Presbyterian constituency.

Rev. L. W. Thom has been inducted as pastor of the charge at Linwood. Rev. W. A. Bradley of Berlin presided and Rev. H. H. McPherson of Glen Allan acted as clerk. Rev. Mr. Arnold of Knox church, Guelph, preached an excellent sermon from Acts 4: 4. Rev. H. H. McPherson, who had been interim moderator of Linwood session, addressed the minister, and Rev. W. C. Armstrong, Ph.D., Baden, addressed the people. There was a large congregation present. Dinner and tea were served in the basement by the ladies, and a reception held in the evening for the new minister and his wife.

## TORONTO.

Rev. Dr. MacKay, F. M. Secretary, received a cheque for \$5,000 from "A Friend," who wrote:—"I am sorry to hear that there is likely to be a deficit in the funds for the last year, but the year has been a hard one for many. The church, however, does not wish you to discontinue the advance in foreign mission work."

Rev. Dr. Pidgeon, of Victoria Presbyterian Church, West Toronto, has accepted the chair of practical theology in Westminster Hall Theological College, Vancouver, B.C. Rev. Dr. Pidgeon has been in Victoria Church now for about seven years, and during that time the congregation has grown and the membership so increased that both are nearly doubled. Some time ago Rev. Dr. Pidgeon declined a call to London, Ont.

The list of the successful students of the closing session of Knox College shows that Mr. J. E. Thompson, B.A., of Cookstown, has broken all previous Knox College records by the prizes he has won. He took this year the following scholarships:—Bonar-Burns, \$50; Torrance-Dryden, \$55, and the David Smith Ross, \$300, with \$200 added for special proficiency, which constitutes a travelling fellowship. He has won altogether about \$920 in scholarships during his three years term at Knox.

The annual report presented to Toronto Presbytery was one of the best in years. It showed an increase of one congregation over the year 1907, an increase of 724 in number of communicants on the roll, of 29 in the number of elders and of 1,279 in the number enrolled in Sunday school and Bible classes. There was an increase of \$58,672 in payments for all purposes, the increase in mission givings being especially noticeable. The value of church property increased from \$1,730,255 in 1907 to \$2,112,887 in 1908.

At the recent meeting of the Board of Management of Knox College the work of the past session was reviewed. From congregational sources the revenue was \$2,500 in excess of the previous year. Next year's revenue will require an increase of \$6,000 to meet the increased expenditures. More than one-half of the past year's increase came from Toronto congregations. Principal Gander reported that the canvass for the new building fund of which Toronto has undertaken to raise \$150,000, and which opened in the city on March 7, has already reached \$60,000 in Toronto, and is making good progress elsewhere. The total amount required in addition to the value of the present site is \$300,000.

The new Rosedale congregation into which the Rev. Dr. Strachan has been inducted as pastor, has neither church nor schoolroom, but they have laid the "foundation stone" in a novel way. The Honan Presbytery estimated \$3,000 for a new church at Weiwei. It is not usual in Honan to build churches with mission funds—the native church is expected to do that themselves. But at Weiwei the patients in the hospital and the students in the schools require more room than the present church can accommodate, and for which the native church are not able to provide. Accordingly the Presbytery asked \$3,000 for a new church, and the Rosedale congregation undertook to put up the money before they have a church of their own. That is a good "foundation stone" upon which to build. "Them that honor me I will honor." It will be interesting to note the progress of a church that proceeds along these lines.

## KINGSTON NOTES.

The treasurer of Queen's reported that the fees of the university were \$6,000 more than last year. Interest on investments yielded 63.10 percent.

Prof. John Marshall was made Associate Professor of English, and Prof. J. Matheson Associate Professor of Mathematics in Queen's University.

The Presbytery of Kingston met in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on the 29th ult., at two o'clock. The following named students of theology, having completed their collegiate course of study, and been examined by committee, read to Presbytery parts of their discourses, whereupon the Presbytery agreed to license them to preach the Gospel viz.:—W. Ferguson, B.A.; McLaren's Depot; R. C. Jackson, Picton; N.S.; T. J. Jewitt, B.A., Campbell's Cross; J. R. McCrimmon, B.A., Dalston; J. R. McDonald, M.A., Golspie; J. L. Nichol, M.A., Jarvis; D. C. Ramsay, M.A., Plattsburg; L. E. Sully, B.A., Ottawa; J. R. Urquhart, B.A., Maitland; John Galloway, Scotland; J. H. Douglas, Douglas town, Sask.

The Presbytery again met in the evening, with a good congregation present, and licensed these in the usual form; and ordained the first six named to the full exercise of the Christian ministry. The moderator, Dr. MacGillivray, conducted the solemn exercise, and Dr. Mackie suitably and ably addressed the candidates. The Presbytery sustained a call to Mr. J. Galloway from the congregation of Foxboro, etc., etc., with the guarantee of a stipend of \$1,000, a free manse, and four weeks' holidays. Mr. Galloway accepted the call; and his ordination and induction were appointed to take place at Foxboro on the 10th of May at 7.30 o'clock.

Degrees in arts and science announced at Queen's university are as follows: Degrees of LL.D.—Alexander Graham Bell, Brantford; Prof. E. Barnard, Yerkes Observatory, Prince Albert, Sask. Degree of D.D.—Prof. Kennedy, Knox college, Toronto. Degree of Ph.D.—A. T. Wallace, B.A., B.D., Kingston. The western students who took degrees are: Degree of M.A., M. L. Colquhoun, Deloraine, Man.; degree of B.A., H. J. Black, Edmonton, Alta.; A. E. Guernsey, Nelson, Sask.; G. W. Skene, Grand Outlook, Sask.; P. G. H. Warren, Moose Jaw, Bachelor of science in mining, F. A. Brewster, Banff, Alta.; mineralogy and geology, J. A. S. King, Souris, Man.; civil engineering, J. B. Saint, Vancouver, B.C.; sanitary engineering, J. E. Carmichael, Strathcona, Alta.

A number of friends of Mr. Geo. M. Smith, superintendent of the Presbytery Sunday school, Campbell's Bay, met at his beautiful residence on Thursday evening, the 15th ult., to welcome him and his bride, returned from Winchester, Ontario, where they were married the day before. In token of their appreciation of his services in the church and Sunday school they took the opportunity of presenting them with a couch and parlor lamp. Miss L. Lunan read an appropriate address, and Mr. A. Stephenson presented the gifts.

Rev. Alexander McMillan, of Mimico, has been lecturing at Port Hope with much acceptance on the 'Haunts and Homes of Sir Walter Scott.'