

## MONTREAL COLLEGE CLOSING.

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as good advantage as some of the money expended in other directions. The doctor concluded with a strong appeal for the inauguration of such fellowships by the government.

## HONORS CONFERRED.

The Rev. Dr. Fraser presented the Rev. P. H. Hutchinson, M.A., of Huntingdon, for the honorary degree of doctor of divinity "in absentia." The Rev. Patrick Hynds Hutchinson, M.A., said Dr. Fraser was born in Belfast, Ireland, and was educated at the Belfast Academy, then under the headmastership of Dr. R. J. Bryce, uncle of the Hon. Jas. Bryce, now Chief Secretary for Ireland, and afterwards at the University of Glasgow, then exceptionally strong in eminent teachers, among them being the two Cairds, Lord Kelvin, Jobb and Ramsay. He was a distinguished student of the university, both in arts and theology, gaining high distinction, but especially in the classical department, and winning one of the most valuable prizes open to competition—the Euing Fellowship. As Euing Fellow he acted for four years as assistant to Professor Ramsay, after which he was eight years assistant minister in Cambuslang. On coming to Canada he was called to Huntingdon, where he has since labored with great acceptance. The new church opened there last January has been pronounced by all who have seen it to be one of the handsomest in Canada. No less an authority than Dr. George Matheson, of Edinburgh, says of Mr. Hutchinson: "He is one of the freshest, most striking, and most attractive preachers I have ever listened to." The fact that Mr. Hutchinson is at present seriously ill lends a melancholy interest to the conferring of the degree, but his many friends fervently hope he will be spared to render yet many years of service to the church whose ministry he adores.

The Rev. Dr. Coussirat presented Messrs. A. D. Mackenzie, M.A., and A. R. Ross, B.A., for the degree of bachelor of divinity by examination. The candidates advanced to the platform, and after the usual address, delivered in Latin by Principal Seringer, donned the B.D. hood.

The degree of bachelor of divinity and eudem gradum, was conferred upon the Rev. David Lang, M.A., B.D., pastor of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N.B., "in absentia."

The class valedictory was delivered by Mr. M. B. Davidson, B.A.

The chairman next addressed the gathering. He regretted that Mr. James Morrice, chairman of the board, was unable to be present.

Principal Seringer said, in part:—

"In view of the pressing demand for men to occupy our rapidly expanding field, especially in the Northwest, we wish that our number were larger, and we trust that the church will, in the near future, respond more largely to the appeal for more workers to consecrate themselves to the development of the moral and spiritual life of the varied population which we are now receiving from so many lands."

Dr. Seringer referred to the loss sustained by the college through the death of the Rev. Dr. Warden, who had always been one of its good friends, and one of whose last acts had been to subscribe \$5,000 to the endowment fund. The position of treasurer, made vacant by his death, had been filled by the appointment of the Rev. W. R. Cruikshank.

Referring to the financial position of the institution, Principal Seringer said: "Notwithstanding the generous liberality of our friends in providing a partial endowment for the college, an increase in this direction is earnestly called for at the present time. The last General Assembly authorized the appointment of

Professor Mackenzie in room of Dr. Ross, now in London, and of a special lecturer in Old Testament literature and exegesis. To this latter position Dr. Richard Davidson was assigned. We are in hopes that the next Assembly will sanction the appointment of Dr. Davidson to a full professorship, and that the latter will see his way clear to accept it. We also require the services of a professor in succession to the late Dr. Campbell, in the chair of apologetics and church history. We are much indebted to the Rev. John Mackay, of Crescent Street Church, who has acted as lecturer in apologetics, and to Dr. J. Clark Murray, who has taken charge of the class in church history."

At the close of this address the exercises were concluded with the benediction, pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Shaw.

## MONTREAL.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found (condensed from the excellent report to 'The Witness') the proceedings at closing exercises of Montreal College.

Rev. Peter Henderson, B.D., of Crescent street church, was the preacher on Sunday morning in Chalmers church.

Mr. Alexander Ross, B.A., occupied the pulpit of St. Matthew's church last Sunday.

Sympathy is generally expressed with Dr. Hutchinson, of Huntingdon, in his illness. An attack of pneumonia prevented his attending the closing exercises of Montreal College when he was to address the graduating class. The degree of D.D. was conferred on him "in absentia."

Last week a most agreeable surprise was given to the Rev. R. P. Duclos, pastor of Lacroix Presbyterian Church. The young people of his church, wishing to show their gratitude to and affection for their pastor, organized a pleasant evening on the occasion of his birthday, and presented him with a very handsome revolving bookcase, and Mrs. Duclos with a beautiful oak tray and an individual tea service.

Rev. Dr. Amaron's lecture on the Huguenots in the French Presbyterian church, Cornwall, was a great delight to all who heard it, notwithstanding some disappointment at the non-arrival of gas supply for showing the lantern views. Beginning with the earliest movement in the establishment of Protestantism in France, Dr. Amaron, by successive stages, carried his hearers to the closing scenes of the persecution of the Huguenots, just prior to the revolution.

The historic church of Regent Square, London, of which the Rev. Alex. Connell, B.D., is minister, reports a membership of 718, and an income for the past year of £3,337. The interesting fact has been recalled that Dr. Livingstone conducted the evening service in this church on the last Sunday he spent in England, at the request of the Rev. Dr. James Hamilton.

Mr. Hennker Heaton's scheme of a shilling house-to-house telephone is meeting with cordial encouragement. His object is to bring the telephone to the millions. "The householders of the future," he says, "will provide for it, and it will be installed in every new villa with the water and electric light. By the payment of 1s. weekly the head of the house will be placed in direct communication with the baker, the butcher, the fishmonger, the doctor, the police, and friends."

The defects in the Italian railway service, instead of decreasing since the railways have been taken over by the State, are becoming more and more intolerable, says the Milan Times. Passenger trains are hours behind their schedule time, and the goods service simply baffles criticism. As an instance, one may state that it is now not an unusual occurrence for truck loads to take a month or more to get from Genoa to their Milan destination. At times the grain service to Switzerland has been practically suspended.

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Rev. D. B. Cameron, Dundee, is receiving the degree of D.D. from St. Andrews University.

Within Inverness Presbytery the contributions towards all objects amounted to £6,158.

An Independent Scottish Liberal Party has been formed in Parliament. Mr. Dalziel is chairman.

On leaving Wick for Ottawa Mr. John Kennedy has been presented with a gold Albert and pendant.

Aberdeen Lord Provost says that the railway station there is a disgrace to the railway companies and to the city.

Lord Mountstephen has given another munificent donation of £1000 for the maintenance of Aberlour Orphanage.

The largest chain cable ever made is being constructed for one of the new Colard turbines. Each link weighs 160 pounds.

It is proposed that anyone becoming intoxicated on licensed premises in England should be conducted home by the publican or persons employed by him.

Of all the people of Europe the French have the fewest children and the Irish the most. The average French family numbers 3.3 persons and the average Irish family 5.2.

Holland is called the paradise of women physicians. The medical profession has been open to women in that country for twenty-six years, and the number of female practitioners is very large.

By the death of the wife of the Rev. Dr. Adamson, of Windermere, who is widely known in ecclesiastical circles in the west of Scotland, the church week-lies and month-lies have lost an able contributor.

Several shamrock farms have been started in various parts of Ireland. One of these, from which the Queen has ordered a supply, is at Culleenamore, in county Sligo, and is the property of Mrs. Aeneas Nuttall.

In the North of Ireland, where the Scottish and English live and reign, manufacturers have sprung up, and towns are prospering. In the south and west, where Irishmen are trying to get their living from the soil, there is starvation and loneliness.

Mr. Cooper, K.C., of Edinburgh, said the other day that one of the objects served by church bazaars was to give young people an insight into law, and show them how close they might go to gaming without laying themselves open to penalties of the law.

Dame Ellen Millar died on the 19th ult. at Greenisland House, near Belfast, in her 102d year. She was the widow of Mr. John Millar, a county Antrim Magistrate, and granddaughter of Mr. John Lepper, who reintroduced cotton spinning into the North of Ireland.

The scarcity of labour in New Zealand is such that the Colony has asked its High Commission in London to find and send out four thousand labourers for the construction of a new railway in the North Island. Three years' work is guaranteed, and inducements will be offered them to remain permanently. There is also great demand for agricultural labourers in Western Australia.

Lady Aberdeen is a woman of many attainments: a good hostess, a keen politician, a writer, a capable platform speaker, a wonderful organizer, and a lover of domestic life. A sister of Lord Tweedmouth, she was married in 1877, and in Canada, Ireland and Scotland has ably seconded her husband as representative of the Throne.

The Marquis of Dufferin, who was forty the other day, has given few signs, as yet, of inheriting his father's brilliant abilities, although he made a good start in the Diplomatic Service. He entered that service in 1891 and served at Constantinople, Paris and Stockholm. He is now an assistant clerk in the Foreign Office. Until a few years ago Lord Dufferin had little prospect of succeeding to the title, as he was the second son. His elder brother, was, however, killed at Ladysmith during the war.