

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Elders—James McQueen, H. W. C. Boak, M. McGregor and J. A. Macdonald.

Ministers—Revs. Dr. E. D. McLaren, R. Laird, J. S. Henderson, and H. J. Robertson.

The following Commissioners were appointed to the Assembly by Westminster Presbytery:

Rev. E. D. McLaren, D.D., was nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly by Westminster Presbytery.

Miss Gunn, missionary amongst the Chinese in Victoria, was called East recently on account of the serious illness of her father in London, Ont.

Rev. Jos. Hogg, agent, Manitoba College, on behalf of the Board, thanks "A Friend for his anonymous contribution to the 'King Memorial Chair' fund, and assures him that his gift is by no means unappreciated.

Rev. R. O. Rothney, who has been pursuing post graduate studies during the past year and has just added the letters B. D. to his name, has taken charge of Deloraine, for the three months, during the illness of Rev. Peter Fisher.

Know church has secured an assistant pastor in the person of Mr. S. F. Beckett, a graduate of Queen's College. He enters upon his duties early in May. This church has also appointed a committee to consider the question of the purchase of a new nine organ.

The graduating class of Manitoba College are leaving the city for the active work in the fields. Mr. E. A. Clark goes to Assiniboia, pending an appointment to the foreign field. Mr. A. M. MacLennan goes to Llovdminster, the headquarters of the Barr colony. Mr. W. I. Allan will locate in Clinton, on the Cariboo trail in British Columbia. Mr. R. I. Hay remains in a suburb of Winnipeg, having been appointed to the Norwood Mission, and has been cordially welcomed by the people of that promising church.

Montreal Presbyterian College.

The annual Convocation of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was held in the David Morrice Hall, on Wednesday evening the 5th inst., there being an overflowing attendance. Principal Scrimger presided and was supported on the platform by members of the faculty, representatives of the clerical profession, and representatives of McGill university, including Dean Moyses, Professor E. W. MacBride, the Rev. Dr. James Reed, the Rev. Prof. Coussirat, Dr. F. W. Kelly, the Rev. Dr. Mowatt, the Rev. W. D. Reid, the Rev. Dr. Robert Campbell, the Rev. Professor Frazer, the Rev. John Mackay, the Rev. J. C. Clar and Mr. Norman MacVicar. Regrets for non-attendance were received from Lord Strathcona, Mr. Morrice, Principal Peterson, Dr. Alex. Johnston and others.

After the opening exercises, the prizes, scholarships and medals were presented to the students of the three years, in accordance with the list of awards herewith published. The honors of the graduating class fell to Mr. G. W. Mingie, B.A., LL.B., who won the gold medal and the William J. Morrice travelling fellowship of \$500. Mr. Milton Jack, B.A., came next with the silver medal and the McCorkill Fellowship at \$400.

Three candidates presented themselves for degrees in divinity, that of doctor being conferred on the Rev. G. C. Pidgeon, B.A., B.D., and that of bachelor on Mr. G. W. Mingie and Mr. Milton Jack. The degree of bachelor of divinity was also conferred on the Rev. J. F. Polley, B. A., in absentia.

College diplomas were presented to the following graduates of the year—Messrs. D. J. Craig, S. H. Bourgoin, Milton Jack, Henri Joliat, George W. Mingie, G. S. Mitchell, E. E. Mowatt, J. D. McKenzie, A. Ormiston and T. A. Peterson.

Mr. Milton Jack was the Class Valedictorian and in his address spoke hopefully

of the fact that spiritual forces are again asserting themselves, and of the splendid opportunities opening up before the ministry in standing for the higher things.

Rev. Dr. J. T. Reed, '81, gave the address to the graduating class and emphasized the primary need of mankind and also the beauty and power of the life of simplicity.

Principal Scrimger, in a closing address from the chair, said that the evening brought to an end the thirty-seventh session of the college, with the addition of these names to the alumni, who now numbered 467. He spoke of the difficult conditions under which the work of the year had been carried on, and thanked the ministers of the city churches for the assistance they had given. No announcement could yet be made in regard to the vacant chairs, but the Board had under consideration the matter of nominating permanent professors, and he hoped that action might be taken on the return of the president to the city. The freedom of the Board in these nominations was hampered by the need of endowments, which had made it necessary to double up the chairs. They could not enlarge the permanent staff without more endowment and he hoped the wealthy men who were planning large things for education would provide means for securing the education of the ministry. He touched upon the question of providing assistance to students who had the wish but not the means to be educated for the payment of the fees of such, but the college wanted \$2,000 or more in order to deal with the matter successfully. He bade God-speed to those now leaving the college.

The Rev. Dr. Pidgeon pronounced the benediction.

The following awards of medals, fellowships, scholarships and prizes for the session of 1904-5, were announced.

Third years—Theology.

Gold medal—Mr. G. W. Mingie, B.A., LL.B.

Silver medal—Mr. Milton Jack, B.A.

The W. J. Morrice fellowship, \$500—Mr. G. W. Mingie.

The McCorkill fellowship, \$400—Mr. Milton Jack.

The Hugh Mackay scholarship, \$60—Mr. H. Joliat.

The Crescent Street Sunday School scholarship, \$50—Mr. E. E. Mowatt, B.A.

The Mrs. Morrice scholarship, \$50—Mr. G. S. Mitchell.

The James Sinclair scholarship, \$25—Mr. T. A. Patterson.

Second year—Theology:

The David Morrice scholarship, \$100—Mr. A. D. Mackenzie, B.A.

The W. Brown scholarship, \$50—Mr. A. R. Ross, B. A.

The George Sheriff Morrice scholarship, \$50—Mr. M. B. Davidson, B. A.

The James C. King scholarship, \$50—Mr. W. L. Tucker.

First year—Theology:

The John Redpath scholarship, \$50—Mr. E. McGowan, B.A.

The Edward MacDougall Morrice scholarship, \$50—Mr. J. W. Woodside, B.A.

French scholarships:

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

The Knox Church, Perth, scholarship, \$35—Mr. S. H. Bourgoin.

The McNab Street scholarship, \$40—Mr. P. Lebel.

The Northwest scholarship, \$25—Mr. J. Foote.

The Lochhead scholarship, \$40—Mr. J. D. McKenzie.

University scholarship for 1904:

The Erskine Church, \$50—Mr. A. D. McKenzie, B.A.

The Stirling scholarship, \$50—Mr. H. Chénat.

The Lord Mount Stephen scholarship, \$50—Mr. H. T. Loran.

The Dr. Kelly scholarship, \$25—Mr. J. M. McKenzie.

Prizes:

Pedagogy—First, \$15, Mr. E. McGowan,

B. A.; second, \$10, Mr. G. W. Mingie, B. A.

Elocution—First, \$15, Mr. M. B. Davidson, B.A. second, \$10, Mr. E. McGowan, B. A.

Architecture, \$10.—Mr. C. W. Mingie, B. A.

Public speaking, \$10.—Mr. James Foote.

English reading, \$10.—Mr. A. D. McKenzie, B. A.

French reading, \$10.—Mr. S. H. Bourgoin.

English, essay, \$10.—Mr. A. Armistron.

French essay, \$10.—Mr. P. Lebel.

Honor for Queen's

Another landmark has been passed by Queen's University through her having been affiliated with the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. The Council of Cambridge University have recommended that the University of Queen's College, Kingston, be adopted as an institution affiliated to the University of Cambridge. The second clause requires that graduates of Queen's availing themselves of the privilege of affiliation shall have in the undergraduate course taken Latin, one other language and mathematics as required in the undergraduate course in Cambridge. Convocation of the University of Oxford have passed a degree that the University of Queen's College, Kingston, be admitted to the privileges of the statute of Colonial and Indian Universities.

BEES ON THE FARM.

There is no reason why farmers should not handle their bees on profitable methods even if they have but a few colonies. Bees as kept on the farm, a few colonies here and there, scattered in different localities, ordinarily do the best business, for they are not overstocked as they are frequently in large apiaries. Almost double the amount of honey can be obtained from the colony thus situated, and beekeeping, as a rule, is much more profitable if the bees are in proper shape to do good work. The greatest mistake farmers usually make, according to one versed in bee culture, is that of limiting the surplus boxes, thus not furnishing the bees with enough surplus capacity. The bees fill this limited space with honey in a few days at the beginning of the honey season and afterward turn their attention to swarming, and several swarms will be the result instead of a large honey yield. Farmers, in connection with their other work, might as well reap hundreds of pounds of the finest honey instead of obtaining but a few pounds if they would only give the bees plenty of storage room, and promptly take the honey away as soon as completed. The rule among small beekeepers is to give but a small surplus capacity in spring, and let this remain all summer to be taken off in the fall, supposing that it is an all summer's job for the bees to do, when in most cases this space is filled in a week or two, and allowed to remain in the hive all summer which reduces it to a poor grade of honey as well as a small amount. Hundreds of pounds of first-class honey might have been obtained by giving a large capacity, and removing the honey as fast as it is stored and completed. Some localities are better than others, and some seasons are better than other seasons, but it is never a mistake any season to thus provide for the most at all times and under all conditions.