

Our Home Work.

Pres. College In St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, Halifax. 26 April, were held the closing services of the best session in all its history, of three quarters of a century, i. e. so far as numbers and all outward marks of prosperity are concerned, and let us hope that the outward is but an index of within. There were thirty-five regular theological students. The College was saddened by the death of one, Henry Chase Dickson who had attended the greater part of the term. Nine completed their course and enter the ministry. With its additional professor, with but the memory of its vanished debt, with its increased accommodation, and its large band of students, the future of the College is bright with promise for the future ministry of the Maritime Provinces. The degree of D. D. was conferred upon Rev. T. Sedgewicke of Tatamogouche.

Queen's College. The University of Queens had a grand closing season from April 23-26. The Theological College, or department, of the University has had a successful winter. Twenty-seven students were in attendance in the regular classes in theology of whom twelve were in the third year completing their preparatory studies, while seven others took a post graduate course.

The honorary degree of D.D., was conferred upon Rev. K. J. Grant, our missionary in Trinidad and Rev. Prof. Coussirat of Presbyterian College, Montreal.

The venerable Dr. Williamson preached the Baccalaureate sermon, on Sabbath, April 23, in the Convocation Hall, from 1 Sam. 25:17. "Now therefore, know and consider what thou wilt do"; and out of the full and rich experience of half a century in the ministry, spoke of the Scripture and of duty to the young men going forth to their life work.

Algoma Presbytery. Some of the Presbyteries are so far reaching that meetings are few, but are of proportionally greater interest and longer continued. The Presbytery of Algoma, at its third meeting not long since, continued for four sessions, and held public meetings on both evenings of its meeting, discussing, with the aid of Methodist brethren, during the first evening, "The desirability and practicability of interdenominational co-operation between the Presbyterian and Methodist bodies in rural mission fields," and on the second evening, "How best to utilize the Woman's Home Mission Society and the Y.P.S.C.E. for the development of spiritual life in our congregations." Both are weighty practical questions, and discussion of such in a right spirit will always tend to the better attainment of the end in view.

St. Louis Trembles. On the 21st of April, took place the Annual closing exercises and examinations of this school. During the past session there have been present one hundred and sixty-eight pupils, of all ages, from nine or ten to twenty years of age, of whom eighty-seven were from Roman Catholic families. The evidence of the spiritual life that prevails in the institution is the fact that during the session just closed, twenty-one of the pupils united with the church by professing their faith in Christ.

The name of this school is a familiar one throughout Canada, and in many places receives a warm support, of which it is well worthy. Of this we are sure, that could the whole church have been present to see the excellent order and the deep interest, to enjoy the thrilling singing as those French boys and girls sang with such heartiness their christian hymns, to hear the wide and accurate knowledge of Bible truth shown by their ready answers, to witness the thorough training in general knowledge, of those young people who are soon to be centres of influence for good among their French fellow countrymen, the school would have even a still more hearty support than it at present enjoys.

Synod of Mont. and Otta. The Synod of Montreal and Ottawa met in Knox Church, Ottawa, from Monday to Wednesday, 8-10 May, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. James Stewart, of Prescott.

Rev. A. A. Scott, of Carleton Place was chosen Moderator, and Rev. K. McLennan, of Levis, clerk, in place of the late Dr. Watson.

Besides the ordinary routine work, the following subjects chiefly occupied the Synod, viz.: The Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, The Mission to Lumbermen, chiefly on the Ottawa; Ecclesiastical Co-operation, especially where the different denominations have each but few adherents, Public Education in Ontario and Quebec, the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod, The Relationship between Church and State, Temperance, Sabbath Observance, and Sabbath Schools. On most of these subjects reports were submitted by committees appointed last year to watch over the different departments. In some cases those reports were highly favorable, in others the reverse. How best to meet and overcome the evils of the past and plan for the future, well filled the close and careful sessions of the Synod. Several of the subjects on the list might well have occupied the whole time of the Synod, but the brief conference was enjoyable and profitable, and will give an impulse to more than one line of work.

A pleasant interlude on Tuesday evening, was the visit of the Synod, during the hour of their evening recess, to the Coligny College for tea, and, after tea, speeches in the interests of the College.