

discourse was characterized by profound thinking, relieved of heaviness by a happy tendency to "clever sayings." He was licensed in July by the Montreal Presbytery, and at once proceeded to Ottawa where he was duly settled. He sailed for Europe on Friday, October 19th, intending to "walk the colleges" in Edinburgh, Glasgow, London, Paris and Heidelberg.

REV. R. HUGHES of Cumberland, Ontario, graduate of '76, visited the College on the 17th inst.

Reports.

WORDS FROM THE PATRIARCHS.

ON Monday afternoon, October 8th., a large number of students assembled in Lecture Room No. 1, to listen to addresses by our Faculty.

Principal Macvicar began with congratulations to the old students, and tendered a cordial welcome to the new-comers. He called attention to several matters of importance, laying special stress upon the advantages to be derived from proper attention to the various College Societies, and the cultivation of Music. We feel encouraged by what the Principal was pleased to say in reference to the influence that THE JOURNAL is destined to wield throughout the Dominion. Special care was advised regarding health. Doubtless the best means of procuring it are regularity, good food, pure air, and abundance of cold water externally and internally applied. Respecting religious life, he emphasized the necessity of sincerity, for religion should be not on the surface, but in the heart. We should always aim at a strong and vigorous Christian manhood. With regard to our work in this College, it should be systematic, persistent and complete. In order to succeed in the world, we must not isolate ourselves from Society; but should seek to give it its due place in our discipline. But we are never to lose sight of our life work, and of the fact that success in that should be our chief aim. Social polish will enhance any man; but, if the preacher lacks in downright hard study, his social accomplishments will never compensate for it.

Professor Campbell then addressed the meeting in a similarly practical strain. He believed that success in pastoral life sometimes arises from mere accidents. He observes that generally men of striking physical presence have a wonderful advantage over those not so highly favored. The short man may be much superior in intellectual attainments, but there seems to be an innate philosophy in the minds of people, which prompts them to worship the physically rather than the intellectually powerful. Intimately associated with this is the social part of our nature. Here, also, is that tendency to worship power exhibited in a great degree. We cannot hope to attain our best, unless we cultivate the graces of social life. Under the head of spiritual work, the Professor then gave his opinion as to the practice of students taking charge of Sabbath-school classes during the session. Whatever the effect may be upon the student engaging in such work, it is generally not just to the school, as it tends to discourage members of the congregations from preparing themselves as teachers; and the consequence is that, when the students leave the city in the Spring, the school is left almost helpless for want of teachers.

Professor Scrimger next made a few general remarks. He said that before the people will believe the message they must believe in the messenger. They will not believe a statement simply because we, as ministers, make it. The sources of our power over them are not sacerdotal. They cannot be deluded into the belief that ministers are not human. Consequently, we can only win their confidence and exert a power for good, according as we present ourselves to them, and are recognized by them as men of power.

Professor Coussirat also addressed the meeting in his characteristically forcible and humorous style. He endorsed all that had been inculcated by those who preceded him, and added some very appropriate remarks upon the necessity of naturalness. We should seek physical, intellectual, social and spiritual excellence; but amidst all the pulling down and building up, we should preserve our individuality. Affectation is distasteful, whereas there is power even in roughness.

ALMA MATER SOCIETY.

The October meeting of this Society was held in Lecture Room No. 1, on Monday 15th inst. Mr. D. Mackay, B.A., 2nd Vice-President presided. Mr. J. H. Macvicar acted as Secretary *pro tem*.

The main object of the meeting was the election of editors to fill vacancies on the JOURNAL staff. At the annual meeting of the Society held last April, Mr. A. Scrimger, B.A., was appointed Editor-in-Chief, but, owing to his engagement in St. Catharines Collegiate Institute, that gentleman will not be able to act. A strenuous effort was made to induce Mr. A. Lee, B.A., to accept the position so efficiently filled by him during last session; but all entreaties failed. Ultimately Mr. J. H. Macvicar was elected by acclamation to the office. Mr. J. H. Graham, B.A., was unanimously appointed Assistant Editor. Mr. Rochester was appointed to the office of Business Manager, vacated by the removal of Mr. J. C. Campbell to San Francisco.

The following gentlemen were elected members: Messrs. Graham, McAyeal, Ogilvie, McWilliams, Johnston, Naismith, Nicholson, McLeod, P. McLeod, M. J. Russell, McKenzie, Sutherland, Lods, Cayer, Cote and Barron. The Benediction was pronounced, and the meeting dispersed.

PHILOSOPHICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY.

The first regular meeting of this Society was held in Lecture Room No. 1, on Friday, 12th inst. Fifteen gentlemen were nominated for membership. The President, Mr. D. Currie, B.A., delivered an interesting and practical address on "The Functions of the Society," a fuller account of which is given in another column. Mr. J. H. Macvicar gave an English reading, entitled "The Last Hymn." Mr. S. Rondeau gave a French reading, entitled "Le Dernier Jour." Both these gentlemen read with much acceptance. The attendance was large, as it had been rumored that the debate was going to be unusually interesting. The subject was:—"Resolved, that for a student having in view the Christian ministry, the study of Mental Philosophy is more profitable than that of classics." The speakers were, on the affirmative, R. McKnight, B.A., and G. Whillans, B.A.; on the negative, W. A. Mackenzie, B.A., and A. Lee, B.A. The discussion on both sides was spirited throughout, but on a vote of the meeting being taken, the affirmative was sustained.

STUDENT'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this society was held on Friday evening, the 19th inst., in Lecture Room I.

The following were the officers elected for the current year:—

President,	-	-	-	R. Gamble, B.A.
1st Vice-President,	-	-	-	G. Whillans, B.A.
2nd " "	-	-	-	W. K. Shearer, B.A.
Rec. Secretary,	-	-	-	W. M. Rochester.
Cor. Secretary,	-	-	-	R. Stewart, B.A.
Treasurer,	-	-	-	N. Waddell.

Executive Committee:—D. A. McKae, D. Hodges, G. A. Blair, D. L. Dewar, W. D. Roberts.

News Committee:—W. Ogilvie, B.A., T. J. Baron, B.A., J. S. McIlraith, J. A. McLean, M. McKenzie, D. McKay, B.A.

The Treasurer's financial report was then read. This was very encouraging. Although there were two missionaries employed this year over and above last year, yet the amount left in the treasury, after paying all bills, exceeds that of last year by \$87.61. The cause of this is not to be found in having donations left us by generous and wealthy men, but in the increased diligence of the students. Two instances are especially worthy of record, that of Mr. W. K. Shaerer, B.A., who alone brought in a collection of \$60; and that of Mr. Dewar, missionary to a new field, who had twenty-seven dollars left over all expenses.

Reports were read from two of the society's missionaries, viz., Messrs. Rochester and J. A. McLean. The former gentleman labored in the North West, in a district covering about sixty miles by eighteen. He held three services on Sabbath in private houses, at places some thirty miles apart, which were reached on pony-back. A large number of Sabbath-school papers, donated by Crescent Street Church, were distributed. The people expressed gratitude to the society for supplying them with onlinances, and are anxious to have the ministrations of a missionary again next summer.

Mr. McLean worked on the mission field of Chaudière, preaching at two stations, where he found twenty-five Presbyterian families. A Sabbath-school was opened at both places with fair results. The people have taken steps to obtain pulpit supply for the winter months, and are also moving in the direction of a church edifice.

After the hearing and discussion of these reports, and the transaction of other business, the meeting adjourned.