

speaking was done, quite appropriately, by men not now connected with the College.

Of course Dr. Patton was the lion of the day, and worthily so. A graduate of Toronto and an alumnus of Knox, he is now one of the foremost men in the American Presbyterian Church, and holds his place by undisputed ability. A good mind, a clear, firm judgment, a fluent convincing speech, and a great purpose, have inevitably brought him to the front, and make him a tower of strength to the Church.

On this occasion he gave the sermon, and those who heard it assure us it was a memorable one. It was not after the model of Paul's inaugural address at Athens, but, being before a nineteenth century Divinity school, it dealt with the problems facing the Church to-day, and suggested, as the speaker understood it, their solution. Perhaps there was more "sword than trowel" about it, but it was delivered in a most temperate spirit. To him and his school a supernatural religion is not so much a fact as a necessity and pure dogma is the hope of the world. Prof. Campbell once said, in his incisive way, "If you take away dogma you take away Patton." His sermon was a powerful statement of this position and deeply impressed his hearers, who were mostly, no doubt, in sympathy with it.

There were many other speeches appropriate to the occasion. The Venerable Dr. Reid read an interesting historical paper; others dealt with the special features of Knox, its evangelical principles, its missions, its relation to Toronto University and affiliated Colleges, and with education and the Church.

Among the speakers were such eminent men as President Patton, President Loudon, Edward Blake, Dr. Burwash, Governor Kirkpatrick, and our own able Principal, who made a telling speech for liberal education. Indeed, by general agreement, Principal Grant well divided the honours with Dr. Patton.

Then a number of honorary degrees were granted. Knox, like most of our Canadian Colleges, has been sparing in this respect, but a jubilee is a prodigal time, and she honored six men with a D. D. They are all noted for faithfulness in the pastoral work of the ministry rather than for brilliant scholarship. Queen's students are delighted to see among them the Rev. G. M. Milligan, of Toronto, whose memorable exegesis of Job was no doubt one of his claims to the honour.

The most touching part of the celebration was when Prof. Thomson unveiled a portrait of the late George Paxton Young. The great teacher's voice has been silent for some years, but his spirit lives on still in the lives of many devoted students. We can hardly understand the feelings of these as they saw the familiar features stand out in lifelike proportions

on the canvas—an effect deepened by the pathetic tones and touching words of Prof. Thomson.

Standing side by side with Knox at the same work, we wish her God speed! May her success, which we see to-day, be but the earnest of still greater things in the future!

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Reports of the recent appointments of the officers of each year and of the Arts Society, suggest a general thought on the question of elections. In College, where we are being taught to put away all prejudice and to judge matters according to their true worth, there ought to be no difficulty in securing and electing the man best fitted for any office. This, however, does not always happen. All too frequently the relative merits and claims of the candidates are overlooked because of an unreasonable prejudice, or because one of them is not the nominee or puppet of a particular clique. Would it not be well for us to at once resolve that we, in our College life, would put in operation the ideas that we think would be beneficial to all humanity. The Alma Mater elections are upon us. *Verbum sap.*

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The number of clubs in the Senior series of the Ontario Rugby Union has been reduced to six, by the withdrawal of Ottawa College, Ottawa City and Trinity. What effect has this reduction had upon foot-ball in general, and our club in particular?

Is it true as is said in some quarters, that foot-ball has declined from what it was in '91 and '92; that in those years a climax was reached, and since then the game has steadily gone down? True, '91 marks a new era in foot-ball; but the features introduced then have not been forgotten. The fact is that while in '91 Osgoode Hall gave to the football world an exposition of the game, such as had never been seen in Canada, and so stood head and shoulders above every other club in the Union; at the present time every club worthy of the name, practices the features then introduced and in some cases carry them to a greater degree of perfection than did their originators. The general level of excellency is higher than it was in '91, and the superiority of any one team is not so marked. It may be safely said that the Champions of '93 gave as clean an exhibition of football as was ever witnessed. Up to last year, then, football had not declined.

But it is averred that this year the game is not what it was, and that this is due to the reduction in the number of clubs. So far as the west is concerned, this reason should not hold good. The decline there, if decline there be, must be on account of lack of interest rather than a reduction in the number of clubs. The games played have been just as many as in any previous year. How does the