

## MONTREAL NEWS.

Rev. A. E. MacKenzie, of St. Matthew's church, declines the call to St. Thomas. The offer of Knox church was a tempting one—stipend of \$2,000 per annum, with four weeks' vacation—but Mr. MacKenzie, while appreciating St. Thomas as an attractive field for labor, will remain with his present charge.

It is announced in the Presbyterian College Journal that the Rev. E. A. Macenzie, B.A., B.D., 1894, of St. Matthew's church, Montreal, has been nominated by the Alumni Society for the chair of pastoral theology in the Presbyterian College.

The Rev. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor), of Winnipeg, speaking at the Y.M.C.A. banquet in Montreal, said he wished the Roman Catholics could see what a handican they were placing upon their children by keeping them in schools separate from the public schools of the country. "And yet," he added, "let us never break the spirit of unity, of harmony, upon which our peace depends."

Rev. Dr. Campbell, preaching to his people from the words, "Even so did the Lord ordain that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel," dealt with the subject of free news and church offerings, said: "We in St. Gabriel church may claim the right to be heard on this question. Our views are free, morning and evening alike; that is, there is no rent exacted from those who choose to occupy them. But we do not advertise that we have free pews, just because it might be misleading to do so. We do not desire any one to come and worship here who grudges an offering to God's house, if he or she has one to spare. That is the principle we go on, and no one is refused accommodation on account of the smallness of his or her offering. The widow's mite is as gratefully accepted as the rich people's dollar. We are, therefore, full believers in free news and church collections, and we think that both these arrangements are not only scriptural, but that they provide for a fuller manifestation of the grace of giving than any other method that has been resorted to, and we ask you to be loyal to our methods, rejoicing when God enables you to help in making provision for the services of his house."

A deputation from Sydney, Cape Breton, waited upon Rev. W. D. Reid last week urging him to consider favorably an invitation to succeed the Rev. Clarence McKinnon. It is a fine field for a strong man, like Mr. Reid, at Sydney. But then his present charge is rich in opportunities for good work, and the pastor of Taylor church has not neglected those opportunities.

Within the last few weeks a splendid new pipe organ has been installed in Chalmers' church, and is being greatly enjoyed as an aid in the service. Recent reports from Mr. Heine are very encouraging as to his recovery of health. Rev. J. C. Stewart continues to supply the pulpit of Chalmers' with much acceptance.

At a meeting of the congregation of St. Matthew's Church, Point St. Charles, resolutions were passed urging the pastor, the Rev. E. A. MacKenzie, B.A., B.D., to decline to accept the call to Knox Church, St. Thomas. Over five hundred members were present. The work and personality of Mr. MacKenzie were spoken of in terms of warmest praise, and a deputation was appointed to assure him of the congregation's appreciation of his sympathy, love, and high Christian character, and also to express the wish that he should remain in his present charge.

A correspondent of the Belfast Witness says:

Forty years ago the Presbyterians began work in Salt Lake City. Brigham Young endeavoured to crush them. They were only a handful, but they trusted in God, and He helped them. Twenty years ago the writer visited the pastor, and saw his beautiful church which had just been erected, and the large and fully-organized Collegiate Institution beside it, which was under the care of Professor Coynor. There are now three vigorous churches, with large Sabbath-schools in the city, and Dr. Coynor's institution has sent out many able and well-educated men to carry the Evangel throughout the State. The three churches in Salt Lake City, have 768 members and 1,549 Sabbath scholars, and property worth \$200,000.

## KNOX COLLEGE CONVOCATION

At the closing exercises of Knox College the degree of doctor of divinity was conferred on Rev. John Ross of Brussels, Ont.; Rev. D. G. McQueen of Edmonton, N.W.T., and Rev. J. A. Turnbull, LL.B., of West Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

The church was crowded to its utmost capacity. After the opening exercises by Rev. Dr. Milligan, Moderator of the General Assembly, Professor Robertson presented the graduates, fifteen in all, who received their diplomas from Acting Principal MacLaren, D.D. Their names are as follows: J. L. Boyd, B.A., G. W. Carter, M.A., R. J. Drysdale, John Fletcher, B.A., W. M. Grant, M.A., G. A. Hackney, B.A., R. B. Ledingham, B.A., R. McEachrin, R. G. McKay, M.A., W. M. McKay, B.A., C. A. McRae, M.A., W. Nichol, M.A., J. E. Reid, M.A., T. T. Peikle, B.A., H. Walker, B.A.

In presenting the class Professor Robertson said he had never seen a brighter class of young men so full of Christian zeal, and he could not but hope that they would be a great blessing to the country. Prof. MacLaren addressed the graduates briefly.

Rev. R. P. Mackay, D.D., then presented Rev. John Ross of Brussels, Ont., and referred to his high standing as a student and his faithful work as a pastor. The degree of D.D. was then conferred. Dr. Ross is a native of Wellington county, and has been pastor of the church at Brussels for twenty-five years.

Rev. E. D. McLaren, D.D., regretted that the Rev. Mr. McQueen was not present, but his worth and his work were well known and highly appreciated. Principal MacLaren conferred the degree in absentia. Dr. McQueen comes from near Clinton, Ont., and has been pastor of his present church in Edmonton since about 1887.

Rev. Dr. Wallace introduced Rev. J. A. Turnbull, who has been Chairman of the Board of Examiners of Knox College for several years. The conferring of this degree was the signal for a warm outburst of applause.

Speaking after the official ceremony, Rev. Dr. Ross expressed the hope that the Presbyterian church would realize the great possibilities of Knox church, which had already sent out almost 600 ministers. He believed that an effort should be made to increase the staff, the building and otherwise improve the college.

Rev. Dr. Turnbull could only promise that, with God's help, he would work still harder for the Master and endeavor to show how highly he valued the honor conferred on him.

Rev. W. J. Clark of London addressed the graduates, and urged them to be careful to think for themselves. In the present day there was no excuse for stupidity in the pulpit or for imitation. They had the Bible and they had nature to study, and with these two books they would find all that was necessary if they were true and sincere followers of the Lord.

The Lieutenant-Governor, Chairman of the Board of Management of the college, and almost all the members of the senate were present.

Second year—W. H. Black, F. W. Broadfoot, R. B. Cochran, M.A., L. H. Currie, L. C. Fraser, B.A., W. D. Lee, J. McKenzie, B.A., W. J. McLean, B.A., H. R. McCracken, D. H. Marshall, B.A., F. A. Robinson, B.A., S. H. Sarkisian, A. Thomson, B.A., J. R. Van Wyck, B.A., W. L. William.

Fist year—W. H. Andrews, B.A., J. W. Currie, David S. Dix, B.A., Thos. D. Park, B.A., J. A. Sherrard, M.A., W. H. Smith, P. B. Thornton, S. Jamieson, J. B. Paulin, B.A.

The following university students taking options have passed in subjects:—A. C. Cameron, systematic theology; R. B. Stevenson, apologetics, Church history and Biblical criticism; Watson, apologetics; C. McQuestin, apologetics; J. G. Miller, apologetics, Church history; T. W. Rowan, New Testament exegesis; W. J. Cook, elocution; H. E. Metcalf, Church history; H. Vermilyea, Church history.

Below is given a full list of winners of scholarships and prizes as the result of examinations in Knox:

Kilgour scholarship, \$50—J. Russell Harris and B. B. Weatherall, equal.

McClure scholarship, \$45—J. E. Thompson.

Bayne scholarship, \$30, proficiency in Hebrew on entering theology—J. A. Sherrard, M.A.

Second and third years—Smith scholarship, \$30, essay—H. R. McCracken.

Brydon prize, \$25—L. C. Fraser, B.A.

Gordon Mortimer scholarship, \$125—J. L. Boyd.

## First, Second and Third Years.

Clark prize, I. New Testament, Greek—Andrew Thomson, B.A.

Clark prize, II., Hebrew—J. A. Sherrard, M.A.

Post-graduate travelling scholarship, \$400—W. Nichol, M.A.

## General Scholarships.

Third year—Bonar-Burns scholarship, \$60, W. M. Grant, B.A.; Elizabeth Scott scholarship, \$60, J. L. Boyd, B.A.; Geo. Sherriff Morrice scholarship, \$30, and Goldie scholarship, \$30, W. Nichol, M.A., and J. E. Reid, M.A., equal; Heron scholarship, \$25 and Cheyne scholarship, \$25, C. A. McCrae, M.A., and R. G. McKay, B.A., equal.

Second year—R. H. Thornton scholarship, \$100, A. Thomson, B.A.; Knox Church, Toronto, scholarship, \$60, R. B. Cochran, M.A.; Loghrin scholarship, \$50, and Jane Mortimer scholarship, \$50, H. R. McCracken and L. C. Fraser, B.A., equal; J. A. Cameron scholarship, \$50, F. W. Broadfoot; Dunbar scholarship, \$25, W. H. Black, B.A., and J. R. Van Wyck, B.A., equal.

First year—St. James' Square Church scholarship, \$60, J. A. Sherrard, M.A.; Eastman scholarship, \$50, David S. Dix, B.A.; John King scholarship and Bloor Street Church scholarship, \$50, J. W. Currie and I. B. Parke, equal; Gillies scholarship, \$50 and Mrs. Morrice scholarship, \$50, W. H. Smith and W. H. Andrews, B.A., equal.

## WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. M. L. Leitch, who recently resigned the pastorate of Knox church, Stratford, has sold his residence, and will remove to London where he will in future reside.

Rev. G. W. Arnold, B.A., who has accepted the call to Petrolia, his induction took place on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. K. Smith, widow of the late Rev. Dr. Smith, is lying ill at her apartments in the Imperial Hotel, Galt. The lady is quite alone, so far as the attendance of relatives goes, but has many sympathetic friends in Galt, who are interesting themselves in her comfort.

Rev. J. A. Wilson, St. Andrew's church, Hamilton, is delivering a series of interesting discourses on "Old Testament Characters."

When Rev. R. E. Knowles entered his pulpit in Knox, Galt, Sunday morning he found the pulpit and the whole platform literally embanked in a wealth of floral beauty. Although no formal intimation had been made of it, Sunday marked the beginning of the eighth year of Mr. Knowles' ministry, and, this being remembered, the pulpit was beautified with a wealth of palms, ferns and lilies, and cut flowers. Before closing the service Mr. Knowles referred to the "graceful and delicate art," which he said came to him with as much of pleasure as surprise. He said further that the past seven years had been very happy ones, and that the beautiful flowers were not more fragrant than the loyalty and affection of his people.

Mrs. (Dr. Aherns, organist of Knox church, Stratford, was presented with a handsome cut glass fruit dish by the members of the choir, by whom she is held in high esteem.

In Chalmers church, Guelph, Rev. R. J. M. Glasford made the announcement that some time ago he received two contributions anonymously. One of \$1.00 and another of \$110 for the mission schemes of the church. In publicly announcing the receipt of these donations he took the occasion to thank the unknown donors.

The Presbytery of London, that met at Dutton recently, adopted a resolution protesting against any of the provisions of the B.N.A. Act limiting the autonomy of the provinces in the matter of education, or other matters being introduced into the provincial constitutions of the proposed new provinces; and further, urging that if the Dominion Government and a majority of the Parliament of Canada should consider the insertion of such clauses as constitutionally obligatory, that the matter be submitted to the Imperial Privy Council for final decision before the bill is passed.

At the annual meeting of Durham congregation the reports presented showed the work of the year to have been highly satisfactory. The increased salary of the pastor was met; one hundred dollars was paid as a gratuity for 1903; also some items of special expenditure; leaving a balance on hand. For missions \$400 were raised the largest amount in the history of the congregation. The total contributions were \$2,398. The report of the session touchingly referred to the death at Winnipeg of the Rev. A. G. Jansen, a former pastor.