

eter evangelists, 124 university, 97 non-matriculants and 9 special students. Nine ministers and students of the Independent Greek Church attended the first year classes in theology for the first half of the session, and eighteen attended a special course of lectures in theology by the Principal, extending over five weeks. They showed both ability and interest. In addition, nine Ruthenian students, intending to qualify as teachers and ministers, attended the matriculation classes, and a class for Ruthenian students under that standard was taught as before by Mr. Michael Sherbinin, B.A. The board gratefully acknowledges the donation of £50 from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

Knox College.

Mr. J. K. Macdonald, Toronto, presented the report of Knox College, conveying an intimation of the resignation of Principal MacLaren and reviewing the work of the year.

The sixty-fourth annual report of the Board of Management of Knox College, presented by the Chairman, Sir Wm. Mortimer Clark, K.C., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, showed that the expenditure of the college during the past year had been \$23,614.25, and the revenue during the same period amounted to \$20,499.02, leaving a deficiency of \$3,115.23, and as the revenue account included a balance of income from last year of \$956.48, the true deficiency for the year is \$4,071.71, a condition of affairs which, as the report says, "calls for the immediate attention of the Church."

Twenty students completed their theological course and received their diplomas, eighteen of them holding university degrees.

The appointment of Rev. Dr. Grey as financial agent at \$2,500 a year was reported. The board regretted that no offer had been received for the present college building. It was explained that the Caven library will form a special part of the new college building, so that friends who had subscribed for that memorial would know that their subscriptions would be applied for the erection of the library.

An appreciative reference was made to the resignation of Rev. Dr. MacLaren from the Principalship and professorship.

Finances of the College.

The financial statement showed a balance in the general endowment fund (capital account) of \$319,157.73, invested in mortgages to the extent of \$165,091.91; municipal and school debentures, \$70,517.37; stocks, \$20,620; bonds, \$13,003.66; new college investment, \$17,496.07; other real estate, \$20,007.61; cash in bank, \$12,421.11.

The scholarship endowment fund (capital account) of \$35,079.93 was increased by a bequest of \$1000. The expenditure on scholarships was \$1,980, and a balance remains of \$3,972.

The library endowment fund (capital) shows a balance at February 29, 1908, of \$20,000, and the library income and expenditure account one of \$4,641.34, after purchase of books to the value of \$610.29. The Caven library building fund was increased by \$592.61; \$125 was paid for architect's plans, and there is a balance of \$14,035.03.

The total capital assets amount to \$389,272.69, which with cash and other assets held against surplus income, \$738.38, and accrued interest on investments, \$4,759.73, making a total surplus income of \$5,498.11, brings the total assets to \$394,770.80.

Principal MacLaren's Resignation.

The Moderator read the letter of Dr. MacLaren to the Assembly, containing his formal resignation and making re-

ference to his 35 years on the teaching staff of the college and 55 years in the Christian ministry.

Moderator DuVal and Dr. Bryce expressed heartfelt appreciation of the great services rendered by the retiring Principal, and a committee was appointed to deal adequately with the resignation.

Meantime the consideration of Knox College report was deferred.

Rev. E. D. McLaren presented at the evening sederunt the report of the home missions (western section).

Home Missions.

The committee of which Dr. E. D. McLaren, Toronto, is Convenor planned at the beginning of the last Church year for an expenditure of \$175,000, but crop failure and financial depression combined to make it unlikely that this appeal would meet with a favorable response, yet the receipts for the year just ended exceeded those of the preceding year by nearly \$18,000. From inability to secure enough men the total expenditure was only \$166,837, instead of \$175,000. The receipts, including a balance of \$1,908 from the preceding year, were \$162,436. To meet obligations in full the reserve fund, mainly made up of legacies to home missions, was drawn on to the extent of \$7,000, rather than making a special appeal, leaving a balance in the treasury at the close of the year of \$2,599. Forty-seven new fields were opened during the past year, making now 585 under the care of the committee. "The immigrants to Canada during 1907" says the report, "numbered 277,376. If 100,000 of these people had settled in new territory where the Christian Church was not already at work, and if religious services had been provided only for each group of 200 settlers—a much larger number than the average population in a mission station—500 new preaching stations would have been required. Twenty-eight fields became augmented charges, eleven others became self-sustaining without aid from the Augmentation Committee, and twenty-four receiving augmentation grants became self-sustaining. From the motherland about fifty young men were secured, almost without exception proving earnest and capable missionaries. Rev. Dr. Carmichael, Home Mission Superintendent for Manitoba and Saskatchewan Synods, has been asked to prolong his stay in Great Britain to endeavor to procure men. The churches in Scotland and Ireland supplied workers and also \$6,200. Of the 277,000 immigrants to Canada last year 132,000 were from the British Isles. Reference was made to the Independent Greek Church, and regret was expressed at the illness of Rev. Dr. Herdman.

The Women's Home Missionary Society has now 220 auxiliaries; its revenue last year was \$18,284. Besides contributing to the support of eight mission fields and providing salary of Rev. Dr. A. J. Hunter at Teulon, it has maintained four hospitals, at Atlin, opened nursing homes at the two mission houses of Ehelbert and Sifton and has sent 133 bales of clothing, worth \$5,000, to different places in the Northwest.

The Women's Missionary Society of Montreal increased the home mission revenue by \$1,500 for the support of six mission fields. The students' Missionary Societies of Montreal, Queen's, Knox and Manitoba Colleges occupy fields during the summer, the first three this year supplying, respectively, five, four and forty fields. The American Presbyterian Church, Montreal, contributed \$4,750, having nineteen fields assigned to its care.

Rev. A. Paterson, M.D., having been appointed immigration chaplain at Quebec when Rev. J. A. Macfarlane was

compelled to abandon that work, has been reappointed for the current year, and will be placed at Halifax and St. John when the St. Lawrence route is closed during the winter.

The estimates for 1908-09 total \$166,000, of which \$65,000 has been apportioned to Manitoba and Saskatchewan, \$32,500 to Alberta, and \$19,000 to British Columbia. The amount is \$2,000 in excess of last year's revenue. The committee recommends that Sabbath, October 18th, 1908, be appointed a day of special thanksgiving and prayer in connection with home missions.

In moving the adoption, Dr. McLaren spoke strongly of the need of making a greater effort to continue and extend the work on account of the rapid growth of population and the necessity of exercising proper influence on the national life. This, he declared, was a work which would tell for most in Canada in the long run.

Dr. John Pringle.

Dr. John Pringle, missionary from the Yukon, was accorded a most enthusiastic reception when he went forward to second the motion. He gave a reminiscence account of some experiences in missionary work on the trails, and paid a tribute to the efforts being exerted by his colleagues in that portion of Canada. He showed how much greater was the influence of the missionary in a land where nothing but manhood meant anything. He made a brief reference to the lawlessness in Dawson, saying efforts to create a stamping ground for alien pugilists had been carried along with encouragement of the officials until the Presbyterian missionary stepped in and threatened to prosecute.

Rev. A. S. Grant of Dawson followed, and gave a graphic description of ten years' work in the Klondike.

The report was unanimously adopted.

THIRD DAY.

On resuming this morning, news of the death of Dr. Findlay, Barrie, Superintendent of Missions for New Ontario, was received with the deepest regret. A message of condolence was wired to the bereaved family, and the Home Missions Committee was instructed to prepare a suitable resolution.

Tribute to Dr. MacLaren.

The committee appointed to deal with the resignation of Principal MacLaren of Knox College reported a resolution in which the distinguished services of the retiring Principal were acknowledged. The resolution, in part, follows:—

"Appreciating the reasons which urged the venerable Principal's resignation, advancing years, the General Assembly regretfully accepts the same and places on record a deep sense of the value of the services Principal MacLaren rendered to the Church and the country during his long and honored life." After reciting briefly the chief points of Dr. MacLaren's work, the resolution continues:—

"In the courts of the Church, by wise and calm counsel, recognized purity of motive, and steadiness of purpose, Dr. MacLaren was enabled to render conspicuous service to his Church and retain through the long years the confidence, esteem and affection of all who have been associated with him in the work of the Master." It closed with the earnest prayer that Dr. MacLaren may be long spared to his family, his friends and the Church.

Several commissioners rose to support the resolution, and many tributes were paid to the retiring Principal. The motion was adopted amidst great enthusiasm.

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