

Mr. D. Currie, B.A. Presented by the Rev. A. B. Mackay, Lecturer.

For Students from the North-West.—The North-West Scholarship, \$50. Mr. J. L. Hargrave. Presented by the Rev. R. Campbell, M.A.

For French Students in Divinity.—McNab Street, Hamilton, Scholarship, \$40. Mr. J. L. Morin, B.A. Chalmers Church, Guelph, Scholarship, \$40. Mr. E. F. Seylaz.

For English Students taking French Work.—Knox Church (Montreal) Scholarship, \$60. Mr. W. K. Shearer. Presented by the Rev. Professor Cousin, B.D., B.A.

For Students of the Oriental Languages.—Alumni Scholarship, \$50. Mr. D. Currie, B.A. Presented by the Rev. D. L. McCr., President of the Alma Mater Society.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GENERAL PROFICIENCY IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES.

Pass Work.—First Year.—John Redpath Scholarship, \$50. Mr. J. L. Morin, B.A.; Second Year.—Anderson Scholarship, \$50. Mr. R. Lee; Anderson Scholarship, \$20. R. Gamble, B.A.; Third Year.—Hugh Mackay Scholarship, \$60. W. T. Herridge, B.A.; Anderson Scholarship, \$30. W. H. Geddes. Presented by the Rev. Professor Campbell, M.A.

Pass and Honour Work.—First Year.—Crescent Street Scholarship, \$100. Mr. G. Whillans, B.A.; Morrice Scholarship, \$70. Mr. R. McKeligh, B.A.; Second Year.—Annie Morrice Scholarship, \$100. Mr. W. A. Mackenzie, B.A.; Peter Redpath Scholarship, \$70. Mr. D. Currie, B.A. Presented by the Rev. Professor Scrimger, M.A.

For proficiency in all the work, pass and honour of the third year.—Student's Gold Medal, Mr. W. T. Herridge, B.A. Presented by the Rev. Professor Scrimger, M.A.

The Degrees in Divinity were then conferred upon successful candidates by the Principal, as follows:

Bachelors of Divinity.—The Rev. George Burnfield, M.A., the Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, the Rev. J. J. Casey, the Rev. J. Cameron, M.A., Mr. W. T. Herridge, B.A.

Mr. D. Currie, B.A., and Mr. W. A. Mackenzie, B.A., have passed the first examination for B.D.

The valedictory was read by Mr. W. H. Geddes, after which came the presentation of diplomas and address to graduates, viz.: Messrs. W. T. Herridge, B.A., R. McNabb, B.A., W. H. Geddes and D. G. Cameron. By the Rev. J. S. Black, Examiner.

A DESERVED HONOUR.

The programme having been concluded, the Rev. Dr. Jenkins rose and said he spoke under feelings of pleasurable emotion, which made it difficult for him to say what he was about to as he could wish. He had an announcement to make. A telegram had been received announcing that Knox College, Toronto, had conferred upon the worthy Principal, the Rev. Dr. MacVicar, the degree of Doctor of Divinity. The announcement was received with a perfect ovation.

When the enthusiasm had subsided Dr. Jenkins proceeded to speak of the gratification all must feel at the merited honour done Principal MacVicar by Knox College. It was a degree he had gained without solicitation. Indeed those who asked for degrees seldom got them. His friend had long since had honours bestowed upon him—the honour of building up the Presbyterian College, and bringing it to its present state of efficiency. Dr. Jenkins then passed a glowing eulogy on Dr. MacVicar, whom he had long intimately known and co-operated with in the work of education, and had always found to be the same, worthy indeed of the highest honours any college could bestow.

Rev. Dr. MacVicar, who was received with much applause, in acknowledging the tribute paid him, said: "Dr. Jenkins,—Very cordially I desire to thank you and Knox College, which you represent, for the honour conferred upon me, I gratefully accept from my Alma Mater this recognition of the services which I have been enabled to render to the cause of sacred learning and the interests of the Church. It will be my endeavour to continue to prove worthy of the confidence thus reposed in me. This Convocation will be memorable as the first held in the David Morrice Hall. From the results of our work just presented and the remarks of speakers to-night you may judge that the past session has been successful; and it is a fact worthy of mention that forty-three of our students go out to mission fields of the Church during the summer vacation. Through the munificence of our benefactors our college is becoming more and more complete. The course of study and the examinations prescribed for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity as well as the other distinctions included in our curriculum, I am glad to say, are being highly appreciated. Pastors actively and successfully engaged in conducting the work of influential churches have found time to prepare for this honour. Four gentlemen in this position have to-night received the degree, and several of our students and alumni have passed the first examination. Of all our honour men I might speak as others have done in terms of strong

commendation. It may be remembered that last year Mr. W. T. Herridge gained the David Morrice Fellowship of \$500. He has now completed his curriculum, winning the Students' gold medal, the Hugh Mackay Scholarship of \$60, two prizes, and passing with distinction all the examinations for Bachelor of Divinity. So that he has had a brilliant career with us throughout. This year he will repair to Europe to continue his studies in compliance with the terms of the Fellowship he holds. Let me express the hope that he may only be the first of a long list of graduates who may gain similar distinctions and enjoy the benefits of this and other Fellowships that may speedily be founded.

"We have here to-night another alumnus whose course and future relations to us and to the Church deserve special mention. Mr. S. J. Taylor, B.A., graduated in Arts in the Toronto University and studied theology with us. He made the German and French languages a special study, and was so successful in the latter that on leaving college he devoted himself with heroic zeal and energy to the work of one of the most arduous French mission fields in our Dominion. For the last fifteen months he has travelled in Egypt, Palestine and Europe, and spent some time in study in Paris, Geneva, Berlin, and elsewhere. Recently he has received an appointment from our General Assembly's Committee, as foreign missionary to India or China. He will thus be the first to form a living link of connection between us and the great heathen world. We shall follow him with deepest interest, and earnest prayers that his efforts may be crowned with the fullest success in carrying out the Master's commission, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.' I rejoice that our College is now most intimately connected with every department of the great mission work of the Church. Four of our young men go to the Maritime Provinces, three to Manitoba to join the five who have already settled there, and thirty five others are to be scattered over different parts of the Dominion. We close our session and Convocation to-night, therefore, under circumstances of hope and gladness, and look to God and his people to enable us to accomplish far greater things in days to come."

A most successful Convocation was then brought to a close with devotional exercises and the benediction.

SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

The Synod of Hamilton and London met in Knox Church, St. Thomas, on the 9th inst. The opening sermon was delivered by the retiring moderator, Rev. Walter Inglis, of Ayr. There was a large attendance of both ministers and elders, and a good congregation representing the Christian churches of the city. After devotional exercises Mr. Inglis preached from 2 Peter, i. 13—"Yea, I think it meet as long as I am in this tabernacle to stir you up by putting you in remembrance."

He discoursed concerning (1) Peter's desire to stir up believers; (2) his mode of action to accomplish his desire. The chief points enlarged upon in his sermon were Peter's wonderful life, his varied gifts, his denial of Christ, his visit to the tomb of Christ, and his Pentecostal sermon, through which, aided by the Spirit of God, he converted thousands of souls. Peter, from his long experience in the Christian life, was eminently qualified to stir up his brethren, not to spasmodic zeal and action, but to the steady development of Spiritual power. The power of memory was referred to and aptly illustrated as follows: men have active memories for the things of this world, but are apt to forget the things of God. Repetition is needed in all kinds of teaching, and not less as regards the old doctrines of the Bible. Repetition gives facility in every department of labour and makes men experts. It is by successive touches of the artist that the painting is made perfect. Repetition also gives durability to material forms as well as to scholarship, and thus it is in seeking the highest development of those powers which are given us for the glory of God and the good of men.

The things that Peter desires to recall to their remembrance are mentioned in the previous verses—"Faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, Godliness, brotherly-kindness, and charity." In closing his sermon Mr. Inglis pressed home the absolute necessity of faith in Christ as the sinner's hope, and the ground of satisfying peace. This was the best of all antidotes to the vitalism and agnosticism of the age.

The clerk, Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, then called the roll, and marked the attendance, and also gave a summary of the changes in the Synod roll during the year. The moderator in feeling terms thanked the court for their great kindness in electing him to the office and the support accorded him in the discharge of its duties, and called upon the court to elect a successor.

On motion of Mr. Wm. Robertson, M.A., of Chesterfield, seconded by Mr. John Thompson, of Sarnia the Rev. A. D. McDonald, of Seaforth, was unanimously elected moderator for the year. After the moderator had briefly addressed the court the clerk read the list of committees appointed to examine Presbytery records, to receive applications of students for license, to examine elders' certificates, and to audit the treasurer's books.

SECOND DAY.

The first hour of the morning session was spent in devotional exercises, conducted by the moderator and Messrs. Ball, Ludlaw, and Thompson, of Sarnia.

Mr. McMullen laid on the table the minutes of the commission appointed last year to meet with the Kincross and Lucknow Churches. They showed that a satisfactory settlement of the difficulties there had been arrived at, and accepted by all the parties interested. It was agreed that the minutes of the commission be engrossed, and printed in the records of the Synod.

A petition from the Sarnia Presbytery, asking the Synod to disjoin the Strathroy congregation from the London Presbytery and unite it with that of Sarnia, was read. After parties had been heard, on motion of Mr. Laing, seconded by Dr. Cochrane, the prayer of the petition of the Sarnia Presbytery was granted, and the congregation of Strathroy transferred to that Presbytery.

The Committee on Temperance gave in their report through Mr. Archibald McLean. The following is the deliverance of the Synod: "That while legislation regulating and restricting the liquor traffic by a system of license may, in view of the present state of public sentiment, be a necessity, this Synod will hail with satisfaction any measure that may be adopted by our Legislatures, Provincial or Dominion, in the direction of increased stringency of the regulations under which licenses are granted, or which may otherwise repress or put an end to evils arising from the sale of intoxicating liquors. The Synod further recommend the Presbyteries, sessions, and members in their private capacity to oppose any attempts to relax the laws now restraining the sale of intoxicating liquors, especially those relating to the early closing of saloons and hotels on Saturday nights: but rather to see as far as in them lies that these laws be faithfully administered."

At the evening session the Rev. D. D. McLeod submitted the report on the State of Religion. Among other items of interest it showed that Sabbath attendance was on the whole very encouraging; that liberality on the part of the membership was steadily advancing; that prayer-meetings were being more valued, as shown by the numbers availing themselves of the fellowship meeting; that household training was on the increase; and that Sabbath schools and Bible classes were being carried on vigorously, in addition to other religious societies for the benefit of the young. The special hindrances to the work of Christ mentioned in the reports were just such as have always been complained of—Sabbath desecration, intemperance, irreligious literature, worldliness, spiritual indifference, pleasure-seeking, and want of brotherly kindness among the members of the Church. The reports show that the sessions are doing what they can to overcome these evils, and also overtake the careless ones outside of the Church. There are but few instances mentioned of special revival services, while, at the same time, there is evident interest in the work of arousing the careless and edifying saints by the use of scriptural means under the blessing of God. The report was exceedingly gratifying, showing that the Church was working with fidelity in all the departments of Christian labour.

Interesting addresses were afterwards delivered by Messrs. Goldsmith, Barson, Laing, McMullen, Laidlaw, Thompson (Sarnia), Ball, and Dr. Cochrane. Thanks were given to Mr. McLeod and the Committee for their excellent report.

THIRD DAY.

The Synod met on Wednesday at nine a.m., and con-