

interest of the college and Christ's Kingdom at heart would see to it that Knox lacked nothing in men and money, which would enable her to qualify students for the defence of the Faith. In conclusion he expressed the opinion that to Canada and America fell a large share of the responsibility of defending Presbyterianism against any attacks which might be made upon it, and publishing its truths to the world.

### Afternoon Proceedings.

At 2.30 Convocation Hall was crowded with ministers, students and friends of Knox College. Rev. Principal Caven presided and on the platform were Revs. Professors Gregg, MacLaren, Proudfoot, and Thomson, W. Mortimer Clark, M.A., Q.C., Vice-Chancellor Mulock, President London, Hon. G. W. Ross, Principal Dickson, Revs Dr. Middlemiss, Dr. Grant, Orillia, Dr. Wardrope, Dr. Dewart, and others. Among those in the body of the hall were Drs. John Gray, Orillia; John Thompson, Sarina; John Scott, Hamilton; Robert Torrance, Guelph; H. M. Parsons, Toronto, W. T. McMullen, Woodstock; D. H. Fletcher, Hamilton; Mongo Fraser, Hamilton; and a very large number of the Alumni of the College. Principal Caven made a very brief address and the presentation of Degrees was then proceeded with.

### DEGREES CONFERRED.

The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on Revs. R. M. Thornton, London, Eng., C. M. Milligan, John Somerville, Robert Hamilton, Edward Fraser Torrance, and George Bruce—sketches of whom appear on another page; and that of B.D. on Revs. W. D. Kerswell, B.A., and G. Logie, B.A.

### PORTRAITS UNVEILED.

A very pleasing and appropriate part of the proceedings was the presentation of the portrait of the late Professor Young, which



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was done on behalf of the Alumni Association by Rev. Prof. Thomson in the following felicitous terms:—Among the early instructors in Knox College, whose names and work were brought before us this morning by Dr. Reid, Prof. George Paxton Young was known and honored not less by the younger than the older Alumni. He was one of our professors. Fifty years ago when our College was entering on its existence, he was entering on theological study amid the invigorating and inspiring atmosphere, generated by such teachers as a Welsh, a Cunningham, and a Chalmers, and such classmates as presaged the future author of an epoch marking work on Jesus the Messiah, the future principals of Glasgow and Edinburgh Free Colleges, and our own beloved professor of Church History. In less than ten years he entered on his labors here in succession to Prof. Esau. He was one of our very recent professors. For although his formal connection with the College ended in 1871, his real share in the education of its students went on in the successive classes whose training in philosophy continued to be received from him, until that February day five years ago when he laid down his life and his work altogether. And so to-day, as Alumni, old and young, we rejoice to unite in giving tangible expression to our sense of his worth, who to so many of us was teacher and friend. In Prof. Young we were made to know one of the most widely learned men of his age. In theology, the queen of the sciences he filled successively different chairs in this College. His thorough, classical scholarship was exemplified here in other, later teaching. His discoveries in higher mathematics won from his mathematical colleague, Prof. Cherriman, the judgment that he was the most remarkable mathematician that ever lived. More yet than these the realm of philosophy was all his own. Generously recognizing what was of value in the contributions of materialistic thinkers, materialism itself he found and fearlessly declared to be unproved, unprovable, absurd, spiritual reality and right were to him fundamental. In Prof. Young, we knew also a prince among teachers, one with whole-souled

enthusiasm engrossed in the subject of the hour, and withal with kindly sympathetic spirit coming so near his students as to draw from them what he wished they should see. The white heat of his intellectual fervor itself revealed and inspired; his thorough assimilation of each system he expounded gave his exposition all the freshness and vividness of the authors, while his keen incisive, exhaustive criticism summoned into existence all the mental energy of the student to discern for himself the good and the true. And yet more in Prof. Young we know one singularly childlike in the openness and simplicity of his character, great in the unconsciousness of his own greatness, transparently pure in his life, one who loved truth supremely and who knew that God is truth. He bowed in awe before the things of God, which he believed not given to man to know now, but by the faith in which he lived and died, evidenced his confidence and trust in the vital principles of the Christian religion. No work of art indeed is needed to preserve his memory fresh in the hearts of his associates and friends but we could wish that future generations of students also might become familiar with his features and are pleased to think, that through the skill of the eminent artist, whose workmanship has already for some time graced these walls, this has been made possible. In the name of the Alumni of Knox College I now ask the Honorable, the Senate, and Board of Management to accept this portrait of Prof. Geo. Paxton Young.

### THE PORTRAIT ACCEPTED.

The portrait was accepted by Principal Caven on behalf of the College. He spoke briefly but feelingly of the kind motives which prompted the presentation. No more appropriate time could have been selected than the jubilee year in which to forge a connecting link between the College and one of her teachers which she so deeply loved and who loved her in return and served her well. The picture would form a meet companion to those already on the wall, those of Principal Willis and of Mr. MacLaren. With respect to Mr. MacLaren, his generosity was well known to them. The Principal then referred in eulogistic terms to Mr. MacLaren and spoke of his interest in Knox College.

After these pleasant ceremonies had been completed speaking began, the general subject for the afternoon being Literary Culture, and representatives from the University being the speakers. The speeches were characterized by that learning and interest of treatment which is always associated with the efforts of the learned gentlemen who delivered them, and it is a matter of regret that, while the summaries following convey the central thoughts, still more space is not available for longer reports of speeches which conveyed such a wealth of good feeling and kindly



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reference, and fresh thought and which would be appreciated by every reader at greater length than can be devoted to them.

### MR. MULOCK, M.P.

Mr Wm Mulock, Q.C., M.P., Vice-Chancellor of Toronto University was introduced and delivered a brief speech on the Advantages of Affiliation to the University of Toronto. He said, it was little more than a dozen years since the University inaugurated a policy having for its object the bringing of the University into closer touch with the people where by it might win a larger measure of public sympathy and support, and become a more effective instrument for promoting the public welfare. But he would not with wearisome statistics point out the details of the University's recent development since the adoption of that policy suffice it to say that their ever increasing army of students and graduates the additions to their teaching staffs the acquisition of new buildings and appliances, the development of their curriculum, the establishment of new faculties, all testified to the expansion which had marked the last few years of the University's existence. For the position enjoyed by the University today it is to an overwhelming degree indebted to the present system, whereby our many affiliated and con-



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