

live. The value of the work and the importance of the position of Principal are best summed up in the charge to the new Principal delivered by Dr. MacVicar, Principal of the Presbyterian College, with which these schools have always been closely connected.

We print it in full.

CHARGE TO THE REV. E. H. BRANDT.

A few sentences will suffice for the discharge of the duty laid upon me by the Presbytery of Montreal in connection with your installation as Principal of these schools and Pastor of the church that meets in this chapel. We gladly recognize your professional training and scholarly attainments. You are no novice in the work of teaching and governing young people. You were closely associated during six years with the late Mr. Bourgoïn who, with marked ability, Christian wisdom and success, presided over the institution for more than a quarter of a century. You are therefore familiar with his excellent methods. You witnessed the skill, patience and perseverance by which he mastered difficulties; and I fully believe that you are animated by the same spirit of devotion to the work and cherish the same lofty aspirations and aims.

All these things seem to promise a continuance of the prosperity hitherto enjoyed. Permit me, however, to remind you that the position you hold, and to which you have been called by the unanimous and cordial choice of the governing Board, is one of great and solemn responsibility.

This is true of the teacher's vocation in every case. It is no light task to take charge of the training of immortal souls during the plastic period of youth, when the foundations of true manhood and womanhood are laid, when methods of thought, of mental activity are inculcated, and habits are formed which crystallize into permanent character.

I would not minimize or conceal from you, and the faithful teachers associated with you, the toilsome and difficult nature of the service to which you are called. This arises in part from the great diversity in age, character, ability, temperament and attainments of the pupils. You have to conduct