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The weary sun hath made a golden set,
 And by the bright track of his fiery car,
 Gives token of a goodly day to-morrow.

Richard III.

Variety of incident, and the unexpected, were prevailing characteristics of the session that is gone; yet, of a surety, the climax was only reached with the announcement at convocation that the Messrs. Mackay have endowed another chair. The applause which greeted that announcement is still reverbering through the City and the Land; for the weary sun hath made a golden set. Space forbids indulgence in retrospection, otherwise a lengthy editorial we had prepared would have been inserted here; as it is, there is room for but one word regarding the JOURNAL. Its course this winter, we regret to say, has not been quite unruffled. The gales came, and they were how fierce. Nevertheless our timid bark, though tossed about, with thunders rattling overhead, and lightnings blazing on the waters, outlived the stormy vehemence, so that the responsible owners may have at least the satisfaction of knowing their faith remains to-day inviolate with advertisers and subscribers. The JOURNAL'S fourth voyage is ended. Thus, once more, we draw our little craft high and dry on the beach, and, for a season, leave it there.

We would call the attention of students to the advantages secured by a life insurance policy, as suggested by an advertisement on our cover. We have only to inquire into the working of the sustentation schemes of our Church to be convinced of two facts: that the ministry is as a unit in its anxiety to have the scheme placed upon a solid basis, and that the result of much effort, careful economy and earnest prayer, is but a pittance to the widow and children. Nor is this small annuity at all a certainty. It is a variable quantity. It is paid from year to year, and thus the family is placed in a position of continual dependence. Besides, it is a great advantage to take out a policy early in life. The very argument which some young men make use of, that there is no one dependent upon them, is one in favor of early insuring. Policies are then more easily paid for, and by the time when one is involved in the cares of providing for others, the habits of economy and careful business management which an insurance policy inspires or strengthens, render it comparatively easy to meet the payments.

OUR LOCAL NOTE BOOK

Doth God take care for oxen? True to our prediction the famous "stipend sermon" dealing with this question has found its way into print, and is attracting much attention in the newspapers and elsewhere. Mr. Mackay will attend the Belfast Council this summer, and, we believe, expects to see through the press in London a new sermonic work of a more ambitious character than anything he has hitherto attempted.

Honor to whom honor. It was Dr. Macnish who chose the Celtic Society's motto, and not Professor Campbell, as stated in our columns last month. We borrowed the error from that fount of errors, the daily press.

Mr. Hutchison gave his annual exhibition of architectural illustrations last month.

The College Board have decided that students may reside in college without necessarily boarding with the steward.

The graduates this year have returned to the old method of having the class photographed in a group, instead of separately in cabinets.

The following is a copy of an address presented to the Rev. J. S. Black by the student-members of Erskine Church:

It is with feelings of deep regret that we learn of your intention to sever your connection with your congregation, more especially owing to the painful providence that necessitates your departure. We cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing our high appreciation of you as a pastor, counsellor and friend. Since our arrival in the city we have always found your house peculiarly a students' home. You, and Mrs. Black, have ever shown a most cheerful readiness to sympathize in our hopes and anxieties; and we assure you that your removal from the city will create a breach in our social relationships that will not soon be repaired. We sincerely trust that in the providence of God a change to a milder climate will result in the complete restoration of Mrs. Black to health and vigor, and that the Great Head of the Church will open for you another field of labor, where you may resume the proclamation of the Gospel of Peace.

The address was engrossed by Mr. A. E. Duncan, M.A.

The classes in the Arts Faculty of McGill are, next session, to open a week later than usual, while the session will close at the same date as heretofore. It is said the Christmas examinations will be less rigorous.

The students of Wesleyan Theological College gave an entertainment in the James Ferrier Hall on March 29th. A chorus, entitled "The Old College Bell," was accompanied in the distance by the dinner bell. Another striking feature was the senior's parting advice to the freshmen, replied to by a junior. Master G. C. Becket, son of our Glee Club's leader, rendered a selection of airs on the violin.

Echoes from convocation:

Dr. — (rising): "I suppose because the Gaelic is the oldest language upon earth, and I am the oldest man upon the platform." (Small dog in the aisle approvingly: "Bow! wow!") Exeunt the canine trophy and a gallant Knight in bright array.

Rev. F—: "GENTLEMEN OF THE GRADUATING CLASS!! — *Now, take your seats.*" Applause.

Good Friday.—Mr. J. H. Graham, B.A., entertained the Arts students to-night at a supper in the dining hall. Speeches and vocal music.

Mr. J. McLaren succeeds Rev. R. Hyde, '82, as city missionary in connection with Crescent street Church.