

on behalf of the Council (and I am sure I include the students of the College)—(hear, hear)—to express to you our gratitude for your presence here to-night. It shows that goodwill is entertained towards us, and your sympathies are toward us, particularly from our Toronto friends. The council has every reason to be thankful for the results of the past year. It has been a happy year, a successful year, and I hope a year that will bring satisfactory and good results. Wycliffe College owes much to the Toronto friends for the liberal support they have extended to the institution, which it is sincerely hoped will still increase, as the good results that flow from the studies of these young men, and the capabilities shown by those who leave this college. I am sure that when they know, as I hope you will learn to-night by the Principal's address, the good that has been done by these labourers in Christ's vineyard who go forth from this College, your hearts will be opened to support and enlarge the institution which produces such good results. The College during the past year has been filled to its full capacity. But for want of room we would have been enabled to increase our numbers largely, but that want of room compels us to decline many applications for places in the College. In regard to financial matters—and my labour for the College has been chiefly in that direction—it is a great pleasure for me to say that the maintenance fund has been enough to meet the expenses on our present scale. But the College needs an increased teaching staff; it needs also an increase in its library, and the diagrams upon the wall here show you that the College itself should be enlarged. We hope that the liberality of our friends will enable the Council at once to secure an addition to the staff, and to add to our library. Prudence and a determination to keep within our means has been the only cause why we have not committed ourselves to greater expenditure. But it is a great satisfaction to myself, to my colleagues in the Council, and I am sure to our friends, that I am able to say that we do not owe a farthing. (Loud applause.) Our endowment has steadily increased, and a most hopeful and encouraging feature in that respect is that the endowment, as well as the maintenance funds, have been contributed not only by our Toronto friends and persons in this diocese, but persons outside the diocese, and what is still more encouraging is that we have had gifts of money made to us without any solicitation, showing distinctly that as the work of the College is extended and more specifically known, we find friends who appreciate the work, and who believe that it is the right thing to do to support a college which sends out such good and useful labourers. I am not going to enlarge upon that point. It will be for the Principal to deal more fully with it, and in closing these few remarks I will call upon him to make his address to you. (Loud applause.)

PRINCIPAL SHERATON'S ADDRESS.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND CHRISTIAN FRIENDS,—The Chairman has in his opening remarks struck a keynote, which I trust will not only be sustained throughout this meeting, but find its heartfelt response in renewed interest, devotedness, and enthusiasm on behalf of the work. The joy of the Lord shall be your strength. And surely we have abundant reason to rejoice in Him who hath done great things for us whereof we are glad. The academic year now closing bears witness to His undeserved goodness and abounding mercy. His good hand has been manifestly over us throughout it. It has been a year of peace and prosperity; the work has been quietly and assiduously carried on without interruption. Lectures have been regularly given in all the departments of study. The attendance of the students has been regular and punctual. Without any disparagement to the work of previous years, I can say that this year has been markedly one of great diligence and earnest application. There has been no trifling. No one, I think, who came intimately into contact with the students could fail to observe their whole-hearted and enthusiastic devotion to their studies. I have watched with delight the evidences of deepening spirituality, of a stronger apprehension of the truth that maketh free, of a more earnest warfare against self and sin, and in several cases of a very marked advance in the sweetening, mellowing, and broadening of Christian character. The relations to each other of the students in residence have been marked by uninterrupted harmony and a growing spirit of Christian brotherhood. The smoothness and comfort which have characterized the various internal arrangements of the residence are due partly to the tact, energy and faithfulness of the Dean of Residence, and partly to the loyalty and unanimity with which his efforts have been supported by the students themselves. The results of the examinations have been satisfactory and encouraging, and in many cases the standard attained has been very high. The following are the names of the students who have obtained the highest marks in the different examinations:

*Exegesis of the New Testament.*  
 SENIOR:—Mr. Kennedy, 95 percent; Mr. Armitage, 90.  
 JUNIOR:—Mr. Sloggett, 83; Mr. Owen, 80; Mr. Dewdney, 69; Mr. Hobson, 69.

*Exegesis and History of O. T.*  
 SENIOR:—Mr. Armitage, 80; Mr. Kennedy, 75; Mr. Daniel, 59.  
 JUNIOR:—Mr. Sloggett, 80; Mr. Lloyd, 76; Mr. O'Meara, 72.

*Dogmatic Theology.*  
 SENIOR:—Mr. Armitage, 95; Mr. Kennedy, 82.  
 JUNIOR:—Mr. Lloyd, 96; Mr. Sloggett, 80.

*Apologetic Theology.*  
 SENIOR:—Mr. Armitage, 89; Mr. Gaviller, 87; Mr. Kennedy, 85.

JUNIOR:—Mr. O'Meara, 90; Mr. Dewdney, 85; Mr. Sloggett, 83; Mr. Lloyd, 82; Mr. Hobson, 70.

*Ecclesiastical History and Polity.*  
 SENIOR:—Mr. Armitage, 95; Mr. Kennedy, 88; Mr. Ardell, 65.

JUNIOR:—Mr. O'Meara, 66; Mr. Robinson, 65; Mr. Lloyd, 65.

*Homiletics and Pastoral Theology.*  
 Messrs. Armitage, Gaviller, Daniel, French, Kennedy, Ardell, Hobson, and Robinson.

*Elocution.*

SENIOR:—Messrs. Armitage and Daniel.

JUNIOR:—Messrs. Lloyd and Murphy.

The following gentlemen are worthy of special and honourable mention. They have been largely occupied this year with work in University College:—Messrs. Daniel, Hobson, Robinson, and Dewdney. Mr. Miles has this year entirely devoted himself to the completion of his honour course in Classics.

THE GRADUATING STUDENTS.

The graduating students this year are three; there should have been four, but one has entirely of his own desire decided to spend another year in study here. As to the three gentlemen who now go forth, I can speak in the warmest terms of their Christian character, their faithful diligence, and their assured promise of future usefulness. Their relations to the College have been throughout of the most satisfactory character. Personally I regard them with warm affection, and will part from them with deep regret. Mr. Allan Kennedy came from the diocese of Jamaica, to which he shortly returns. These books are presented to him for his great excellence in the departments of the Exegesis of the Greek Testament and of Dogmatic Theology, in which, throughout his career, he has taken a very high place. Mr. Armitage will labour in this diocese. To him these books are presented for his excellence in the departments of Dogmatic and Historical Theology, in which his work has been signally able. Mr. Armitage and Mr. Kennedy stand closely together. The standard taken by both has been very high, averaging not less than eighty-five per cent. in all their examinations, and in some cases attaining to ninety-five per cent. in their examinations. To Mr. Ardell these volumes are presented for general proficiency and diligence in all his work. Although Mr. Ardell has not taken in the examinations so high a standing as the other two, his course has been marked by great faithfulness and single-hearted devotion, and has been most satisfactory throughout.

THE LECTURERS

Here I must express both in my own name and in the name of the Council, our grateful sense of our indebtedness to the lecturers who have assisted in the work of instruction, and whose heartfelt interest in the College has been unabated. Our grateful acknowledgements are specially due to the Ven. Archdeacon Boddy, M.A., whose valuable lectures in Homiletics and Pastoral Theology have been of great interest and profit to the students; and also to the Rev. Septimus Jones, M.A., who has skilfully unfolded the rich treasures of Christian Apologetics. The Rev. G. M. Wrong, B.A., graduate in honors of the University of Toronto, has discharged with marked ability the duties of lecturer in Ecclesiastical History and Liturgics. As he is not present with us, having sailed for England, I can speak the more freely of the high esteem in which he is held, and the great promise he gives that, if life and strength are spared to him, he will prove a master in the study to which he has devoted himself, and an honour to Wycliffe College. Our professorial staff is not yet up to our present requirements. We must have, at once, if possible, a third professor in Theology entirely devoted to the work, in addition to the various lecturers. We are prosecuting our enquiries both in England and the United States, and hope soon to find one of the stamp and qualifications which are necessary. But no appointment will be hastily made. It is of the utmost importance to secure the right man. For the position of tutor in Classics we were most fortunate to secure the services of Mr. P. H. Langton, M.A., graduate in honours of the University of Toronto, and an accom-

plished scholar. I take this opportunity to express my great satisfaction with the thoroughness and faithfulness of his work, which has proved eminently helpful. Mr. R. Lewis has been most indefatigable in his lectures and exercises in elocution and voice-training.

THE WORK OF OUR GRADUATES.

I venture now to speak a few words about a topic deeply interesting to us all. Already we think we can point to a record which amply justifies the action of the founders of this institution and richly rewards their sacrifices. The results achieved speak for themselves, and they are but the first fruits yielding rich promise of ampler harvests. Were I at liberty to do so I could furnish you with many gratifying statistics. There is one parish where in fifteen months the communicants increased from fifty to over one hundred and seventy. Here is another where in a similar time upwards of a hundred communicants were added. Here again is a country mission at one of whose scattered stations three communicants became forty in four years' earnest work and the other stations show a like growth. I could point you to Sunday Schools, Bible classes, temperance societies, two of the latter having over 400 members each, and similar work illustrating in their growth and vigor an earnestness and a vitality which manifestly prove that a rich blessing has rested upon the work of these young men. I could bring financial illustrations—here of parishes becoming self-supporting, there of debts paid off, there again of new churches erected, and there again of increasing contributions to parochial and diocesan objects. After all, these statistics would furnish a very inadequate estimate of the extent and value of the work carried on. "The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation." We are apt to forget this utterance of the King when we attempt to measure the progress of such a work as this. It is easy to write the history of a tornado or record the ravages of a pestilence. Not so with the gentle, patient, all-pervading influences of the silent dew, the glowing sunshine, the thousand unobtrusive forces of life which are reconstructing the face of nature—how difficult to trace their way or mark out their individual effects. So it is in the moral and spiritual world. The operation of the most potent influences and their effect in spiritual progress and enlightenment are removed from outward observation. It is easy and not very entertaining to set forth the number of miles travelled, of services held, of sermons preached, of visitations performed. But the ministrations of love and wisdom, the faithful unfolding of divine truth, the patient watching for souls, the rescues from sin and despair achieved, the building up accomplished of that kingdom which is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost—who can measure or describe? It is necessary to keep this in mind, lest we expect from our anniversaries and reports that which we have no right to expect. The work is proceeding silently. God's blessing has rested manifestly upon it, and through its humble instrumentalities many hearts have been made to rejoice and many lives have been enriched with the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ. From every parish where a graduate of this college labours, the testimony is most gratifying. Each, according to his gifts and opportunities, is by the grace of God doing faithful and effective service. To the Master must be all the praise. We do well to recount any token of success so far as it assures us of His presence and approval and arouses us to greater efforts and sacrifices on behalf of the work. So far from any blessing thus received fostering an empty vanity or a miserable self-complacency, rather let it humble us, convicting us of our many shortcomings, enlarging our views of our duty and our responsibility, and awakening within us a deeper sense of dependence and a stronger grasp upon the all-sufficiency of that grace and wisdom, without which, we rejoice to confess, nothing that is good or hopeful in the work could have been accomplished.

The measure of success which has been given to the work confirms our conviction of the correctness of the principles upon which it has been based; on the one hand, definite theological teaching in accordance with what we believe to be the truth of the gospel, and on the other hand, utilization of the Provincial University in general training and hearty co-operation in the Provincial system of education. Allow me a few words upon each of these topics.

DEFINITE THEOLOGICAL TEACHING.

In my closing address last year I briefly indicated what I believed to be the leading traits in a genuine Biblical and Christocentric theology. It will be found that such a theology is clear and definite, especially in regard to those points which are now controverted among us. They are points of such a character that an earnest and intense nature must have strong convictions in regard to them. And having the convictions, we should strive for the most definite modes of expression. If a man thinks definitely, he can, and

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