

from God and who have received the salvation which it reveals. Such require only to be established in the truth. Apologetical discussions, to be fitted to their wants, must keep this in view and issue in comfort and joy. But in every community there are those who make it their boast to be able to disbelieve God and to reject his book. This is a growing class in Canada, and likely, for various reasons, to become more and more outspoken. Apologetics for them are not sufficiently supplied by newspaper paragraphs or wordy correspondence. With much study and prayer you must aim at their conviction. Their reason as well as their hearts must be touched, and we must not disguise the fact, that now as in the days of the Apostle Paul, there are some "whose mouths must be stopped." But very much of this work may be done in private, and you must not forget how I have in the class-room cautioned you against unwittingly becoming the advertising medium of corrupt opinions, which, apart from your taking public notice of them can make no head-way in the community. Finally, remember that you are ambassadors of Christ. His mission and yours are closely identified. As the Father sent him into the world, so He sends you as his representatives. He came into our world to seek and to save the lost, and your whole business lies in this direction. You are to look after the lost; and the worse men are the more need have they of your pity, your love, your efforts to save them. "He prayeth best who loveth best all things both great and small." Seek to become distinguished, therefore, every one of you in gathering many souls to Christ. Make this your answer to the question sometimes asked: Are the sons of Canada, men of Canadian birth and education, sufficient to meet the wants of the Church. Other answers might easily be given to the question. We might point to what they are doing in every village, town, city and district in the Dominion, and to what some of them are doing in Britain and the United States. We might affirm confidently that they are fit to be doctors, lawyers, merchants, judges and rulers in the land; and why not ministers? The fact is that they do not require to ask petulantly or imploringly for recognition or promotion—they have received such already; and I feel sure that you are well qualified to take rank with those who, in the past have rendered such eminent service to our Church and our country. As to the future we need feel no special alarm. I have no idea that the fathers who have begotten them will become so unnatural as to disown their own offspring, should they enter this sacred office. There is always abundant room for honest, earnest, able men, and these qualities furnish a sure passport to distinction and honour in the Church and the world. You go out from this college, gentlemen, enjoying our fullest confidence and respect, and we shall follow you with fervent prayers for your continued comfort and success. Redeem the time. Work while it is day, for the night cometh, and cometh speedily, when no man can work. We are taught this lesson to-night with special emphasis, as we lament the death of a graduate of two years ago, the Rev. A. C. Morton, of North Gower. Of his earnestness and success as a student and a minister, and of the high esteem in which he was held in his parish during his brief pastorate, we can speak without hesitation. He has entered upon the full enjoyment of the eternal reward.

The Principal then announced with deep regret the resignation of the Rev. Prof. Oulieré, who is obliged to return to France. He spoke in terms of highest commendation of the value of the services rendered by the Professor during his residence in Canada.

A collection was taken up in aid of the College Library, and the Rev. Thomas Wardrope, D.D., of Guelph, Ont., followed with an address, in the course of which he urged upon the audience the importance of this College, and the obligation of all in the Church to support it. He also exhorted them to sustain, by their prayers, their means and their influence, those young brethren who had been called and set apart to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The exercises then closed with the singing of the doxology, and the benediction, pronounced by the reverend chairman.

CHURCH EXTENSION ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association, as already announced, was held in the St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, on the evening of the 26th ult. After prayer by the Rev. John Smith, the President, J. L. Blaikie, Esq., briefly addressed the audience, as follows:—

We are met to-night for the purpose of receiving the annual report of the Presbyterian Church Extension Association of Toronto, for the election of office-bearers, and for approving of certain resolutions to be submitted.

This Association is not merely for church extension, but for church extension in connection with the Presbyterian Church. Presbyterianism has made wonderful growth in the city and country of late years, but so has our city, and if it is to continue growing, the need for this Association will also continue. I have been sometimes told, "leave this work of church extension in the suburbs to the Methodists, they are the people for that work." Who will say that there is force or right in such reasoning as that? It is right certainly for the Methodists to look after their own people in the suburbs and assist them to build churches, but it is surely right that Presbyterians should do the same. Within a few months our Methodist friends have organized an association of their own, and very much after the model of this one. I must abstain from speaking to any of the resolutions to be submitted, and will only say, Why are we Presbyterians, and why do we value our distinctive principles? Just because we believe our Presbyterian polity and principles are thoroughly scriptural, are admirably adapted through the organization of our Church for doing effective work for our Lord and Master, and at the same time secure for all members and adherents of the Church their rights and liberties to the fullest possible extent. Uphold then and support this Presbyterian Association.

The Secretary, Mr. C. Blackett Robinson, read the

ANNUAL REPORT.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the membership of the Association shows a steady increase year by year; not so large by any means as it ought to be; but still extremely encouraging growth. In 1876-7 the figures were 173, in 1887-8, 205; and for this year 356. It is not too much to say that these figures could easily be more than quadrupled from our city congregations; and your Committee indulge the hope that the efforts of another year may enable the Association to report to the next annual meeting a membership somewhat commensurate with our increasing wealth and large numbers as a Church.

As reported at the last annual meeting the Association bought a valuable building lot, east of the Don, for \$1,200. This was handed over to the friends at Leslieville, with the understanding that they should at once proceed to the erection of a church. On the 27th March of last year the foundation stone of the new edifice was duly laid; and in the month of July following, the completed building was opened for Divine worship by Rev. Principal Caven. The church is a neat Gothic structure, built of brick and capable of affording accommodation to upwards of 300. The cost, including the ground, was about \$8,000, borne entirely by the people, with the exception above noted. Before long it is confidently expected, this young congregation will develop into a large and vigorous charge.

In Parkdale, that rapidly growing suburb of our city, the Presbyterian residents have already taken steps in the direction of organizing a congregation. Elders have been ordained; a site for a church has been selected; and no doubt at an early date a church will be erected. It is to be regretted that the state of the Association's funds renders it impossible for us to offer assistance to the Parkdale friends just now, when aid, if given at all, would be most useful.

Nothing has yet been done in the way of supplying better accommodation for the Sabbath school for some time carried on in a rented house on Parliament street, although the Association owns a fine lot in the neighbourhood. The premises at present used are altogether inadequate for the purpose, both flats of the building being crowded every Lord's day. The Association would be in a much better position, as far as the lot on the corner of Parliament and Wellesley streets is concerned, if a suitable building for a school house could be erected; because just now we are out for interest, taxes on the lot, and for the rent of the building. The Treasurer's report informs the Association of a debt to the Bank of \$2,650 which will be due next month, and for which debt the President is personally responsible. An effort should be made, in justice to our President, and in the interest of the Association to extinguish or largely reduce this obligation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The following resolutions were then put and carried unanimously.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Topp, seconded by Rev. Dr. Reid, that the meeting receive and adopt the report now read, and recommend its publication; and while regretting that the income of the Association has not been as large as could have been desired, express satisfaction with the progress made during the year, especially with the very considerable increase of the membership of the Association; and that the following constitute the office-bearers for the ensuing year:—President, J. L. Blaikie, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, Rev. J. M. King, M.A., Rev. W. Reid, D.D.; Treasurer, Wm. Rennie, Esq.; Secretary, C. Blackett Robinson; Committee, Messrs. John Kerr, A. T. Crombie, Thomas Kirkland, M.A., Archibald Macdonald, R. J. Hunter, J. C. Hamilton, James Brown, S. C. Duncan Clark, James McNabb, Andrew Scott, John Harvie, John Winchester, S. R. Hart, C. McArthur, John Young, Geo. C. Robb, Robt. MacLean, A. McMurphy, M.A., H. B. Gordon, Jas. Russell, G. Gall and James Mitchell.

Moved by the Rev. Prof. McLaren, seconded by the Hon. O. Mowat, that notwithstanding the increased accommodation provided of late for the members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church in the more central portions of the city, the need continues as great as ever of assisting the outlying districts to obtain at as early a date as possible the administration of the means of grace in connection with our beloved Church.

Moved by William Mortimer Clark, Esq. seconded by the Rev. Dr. Caven, that in view of the fact that it has become imperatively necessary to reduce at once the indebtedness at the Bank, an immediate effort be made to raise the sum of \$1,000.

After the parties present had an opportunity afforded them to subscribe towards the reduction of the Association's debt the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. J. M. Cameron, and the meeting adjourned.

KNOX COLLEGE—CLOSE OF SESSION.

The closing exercises of the Session at Knox College took place in the College Hall at noon on Wednesday of last week in the presence of a large gathering of Students, clergymen, ladies and other friends of the institution, Rev. Dr. Caven, Principal of the College, presided, and seated alongside of him on the platform were Rev. Prof. Gregg, Rev. Prof. McLaren, Rev. Dr. Proudfoot, Rev. Dr. Topp, and Rev. Dr. Reid.

The proceedings opened with the singing of the One Hundredth Psalm, after which Rev. Dr. Topp offered up prayer for God's blessing on the institution and those connected with it.

RESULT OF THE EXAMINATIONS.

Rev. Principal CAVEN then announced the result of the recent examinations. The following is a list of those who are first in the several years.

First Year.—Apologetics, R. Y. Thomson; Church History, R. Y. Thomson; Biblical History, R. Y. Thomson; Systematic Theology, R. Y. Thomson; Exegetics, R. Y. Thomson; Biblical Criticism, R. Y. Thomson.

Second Year.—Church History, James Craigie, B. A.; Biblical History, G. D. MacKay, James Ross, A. B.

Baird, B. A., equal; Systematic Theology, W. A. Hunter, B. A., James Ross, equal; Exegetics, A. B. Baird, B. A., J. K. Wright, equal.

Third Year.—Biblical History, John Ross, B. A. Donald Tait, B. A.; Systematic Theology, John Ross, B. A., D. M. Beattie, B. A., Donald Tait, B. A.; Exegetics, John Ross; Homiletics, S. H. Eastman.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS

awarded are as follows:—

First Year.—Bayne Scholarship, \$50, for proficiency in Hebrew, entrance examination, awarded to Malcolm McGregor, B. A.—Alexander Scholarship (1st), \$50, General Proficiency, closing examination, awarded to R. Y. Thomson.—Gillies' Scholarship (1st), \$50, Systematic Theology, awarded to Duncan McColl, B. A.—Goldie scholarship, \$50, Exegetics, awarded to A. B. Dobson.—Gillies' Scholarship, (2nd), \$40, Church History, J. A. McDonald.—Esson Scholarship (1st), \$40, Biblical History, D. Stalker, B. A.—Dunbar Scholarship, \$50, Apologetics, J. A. Turnbull.—Douglas Scholarship, \$40, Biblical Criticism, David James.

Second Year.—J. A. Cameron Scholarship, \$60, General Proficiency, closing examination, W. A. Hunter, B. A.—Lohrin Scholarship, \$50, Systematic Theology, James Ross.—Alexander Scholarship, (2nd), Exegetics, A. B. Baird, B. A.—Boner Scholarship, \$40, Church History, James Craigie, B. A.—Esson Scholarship (2nd), \$40, Biblical History, G. D. MacKay.—Heron Scholarship, \$40, Best average examination by student who has not gained another scholarship, J. K. Wright.

Third Year.—Fisher Scholarship (1st), \$60, Systematic Theology, closing examination, D. M. Beattie, B. A.—Fisher Scholarship (2nd), \$60, Exegetics, Donald Tait, B. A.—Central Church, Hamilton, Scholarship, \$60, General efficiency in closing examination, John Ross, B. A.—Esson Scholarship (3rd), \$40, Biblical History, D. Findlay, B. A. and James Smith, B. A.—Cheyne Scholarship, \$40, Best average examination by student who has not gained another scholarship, C. Thom.

Second and Third Years.—Smith Scholarship, \$50 Essay, on "The love of God in relation to His Sovereignty," Donald Bannerman.—Boyd Scholarship, \$40, Homiletics, S. H. Eastman, B. A.

First, Second, and Third Years.—Clark Prize (1st), Lange's Commentary, for New Testament Greek, special examination at close of session, S. H. Eastman, B. A.—Clark Prize (2nd), Lange's Commentary, for Biblical Hebrew, special examination at the close of session, A. B. Baird, B. A.—Gaelic scholarship, \$40, For proficiency in the Gaelic language, examination at the close of session, Wm. McKay.

First and Second Years.—Prince of Wales' prize, \$60 (for two years), Essay on "Proof of the Reality of the New Testament Miracles," Malcolm McGregor, B. A.

Dr. Caven's lecture, which we are reluctantly obliged to hold over until next week, was listened to with unflagging attention; he was frequently applauded during its delivery.

The proceedings were brought to a close with the benediction, which was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Proudfoot.

IT is said that never since the gloomiest days of Pitt's Administration has England suffered as much as she does now from financial and commercial depression.

On the evening of Wednesday, April 2nd, Rev. A. A. Scott of Zion Church, Carleton Place, was presented at the close of the prayer meeting, with an address and a very handsome parlour time-piece by the members of his Bible class. Mr Scott replied in suitable terms.

REV. HENRY WARD BEECHER has about \$13,000 a year, Dr. Talmage has \$12,000, Rev. J. Hall, D.D., Rev. J. C. Smith, Dr. Potter, and Dr. Storrs have \$10,000 each. On the next list we find the Rev. W. Taylor, the Rev. C. C. Hall, the Rev. L. D. Bevan, and Dr. Budington, \$8,000 each, and some others at \$6,000 each.

THE negro emigration from the Southern States has assumed formidable dimensions. Kansas seems to be regarded by the blacks as their Promised Land. The question of setting apart a territory for their use is now discussed, and it may result in something practical. The only sufferers will be the Southern States, which will lose their labouring population.

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MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY.

OTTAWA.—In Knox Church, Ottawa, May 6th, at 3 p. m. WHITBY.—Meets at Oshawa on third Tuesday in April, at 11 o'clock a. m.

QUEBEC.—In Quebec, on the third Wednesday of April. TORONTO.—On the second Tuesday of April, at 11 a. m.

GUELPH.—In Knox Church, Guelph, on the third Tuesday of May, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

BARRIE.—Special meeting in Central Church, Innisfil. Tuesday, 15th April, at 1 p. m.—Ordinary meeting, at Barrie, 27th May, at 11 a. m.

SAUGEN.—Adjourned meeting, in Guthrie's Church, Harrison, on Tuesday, 8th April, at 3 p. m.

PETERBOROUGH.—At Millbrook, on the second Tuesday of July, at 11 o'clock a. m.

HURON.—In Knox Church, Goderich, on the second Tuesday of July, at 11 o'clock a. m.

KINGSTON.—At Picton, on Tuesday, 8th July, at 10 a. m.