

from the ranks of the Canadian church, the fourth from one of the Scottish churches, and now he had the honor to present for installation into the new chair of Practical Theology, one of their own graduates, a native Canadian, Rev. Robert Laird, M.A.

Prof. Ross then gave an outline of Prof. Laird's career, and pointed out that his scholarship, his experience as preacher and pastor in different parts of Canada, and his inside knowledge of the condition and needs of the church generally, ought to qualify him in an eminent degree, to discharge his duties with success, to the great benefit of the students for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. After answering the usual series of questions, Prof. Laird was received by Principal Gordon on behalf of the chancellor, and by Rev. Mr. McTavish, on behalf of the General Assembly.

All the students of the faculty are glad to welcome Professor Laird as instructor in the art of preaching and pastoral work.

The Alumni Conference of last week was one of the best and most interesting that has ever been held. It was fairly well attended, and seemed to be enjoyed by everyone. The papers were one and all comprehensive and well thought out. The subjects were very interesting, and the discussion which followed the addresses was very good. Such subjects as "The Problem of Suffering in the Old Testament," "The Development of the Idea of the Kingdom of God," "The pre-Christian Belief in Immortality," "The Development of the Title, Son of Man, in the Old and New Testaments" were discussed in a very clear and appreciative manner. The Chancellor's lectureship was held by Prof. Dyde, who in his richly illustrated lectures on the Philosophy of Art, contributed largely to the success of the conference. The evening sessions were especially interesting. Rev. S. P. Rose gave a very brilliant paper on "The Pulpit of To-morrow"; Prof. Skelton contributed an excellent paper on, "Industrial Insurance"; Professor Morison spoke on, "Calvin, His Place in History and Influence on Modern Thought," and Rev. Mr. Bates, M.A., lately from Tokio, Japan, addressed an appreciative audience on "The Rise of New Japan." The sessions of the Alumni Conference, are indeed, intellectual treats, which are at least very inspiring. May they continue to prosper in their excellent service.

Arts.

WEDNESDAY morning Mr. Wallace gave a very interesting address to the members of the Political Science classes, on the condition of London's poor. Mr. Wallace has spent some twenty-five years in London, working among the lower classes for the betterment of their wretched condition. He went thoroughly into the causes of the misery and degradation of the slum element. He suggests, as a relief, that the government control all great enterprises such as railroads, telephone systems, etc.; the establishment