

confer degrees in Divinity has been granted to the college, which is now affiliated with Toronto University. The Rev. R. T. Thompson has been appointed Lecturer on Old Testament Introduction, and competent teachers have been obtained to instruct the students in Elocution. An Alumni Association has been instituted, which, among other things, has undertaken the support of a missionary in China. There has been a remarkable development during the last few years of a missionary spirit among the students. The Students' Missionary Society has been growing in magnitude and usefulness. An interesting account of this society has been given by the Rev. D. McGillivray, a recent graduate, who has devoted himself to missionary work in China. The account appears in the ably-conducted *Knox College Monthly*, the publication of which has been in many ways of great benefit to the Church and college. The following is the general summary of the history and work of the society: "Founded in 1844, the society began mission work in 1849. From that time to the present, 227 missionaries have been employed, counting all re-appointments; of these, 28 were engaged in French work, and 25 in Manitoba and the North-West. The society's revenue the second year was \$500; last year (1885-6), \$3,574.54. The total revenue during the forty-two years of its existence amounts to about \$45,000. Beginning with no missionary, and for fifteen years having only one missionary, it had last

year seventeen missionaries, and the year before twenty missionaries. During 1885-6 it had 761 families under its care, with 845 professing Christians and an average attendance of 3,412. Four churches were built, in whole or in part."

Since the commencement of the college in 1844, the whole number of students who completed their theological course, including the twenty-six who completed their course in the Institute of the United Presbyterian Church, is 424. Besides these, about fifty attended the theological classes for one or two sessions, but did not complete their course in Knox College. Nearly all its graduates have been licensed as preachers and ordained as ministers. Most of them are labouring, or have been labouring, in preaching the gospel in the different provinces of British North America. Some have been settled in Great Britain and Ireland, and some have gone to heathen lands. Not a few have been called to occupy important positions in city, town, and county congregations. Several have been called to occupy the position of professors in these provinces and in the United States, while a large proportion of the ministers sent by the Presbyterian Church in Canada to India, China, Demerara, Trinidad, and the North American Indians, have been graduates of Knox College. On the whole, the history of the college in the past has been productive of such good results as to augur well for its future prosperity.

LAKE TAHOE, easily visited *en route* for San Francisco, affords the rarest bit of lake experience that we have ever enjoyed. It is unquestionably the grandest mountain lake in America. It is 30 miles long, 15 wide, as high above the level of the sea as the summit of Mt. Washington, 2,000 feet deep, with mountains on every side, from 2,000 to

5,000 feet above the surface; its water is the purest, probably, in the world, and objects can be distinctly seen at a fabulous depth. With memories of a day's sail across this lake, as a perpetual joy for the past thirteen years, we hope our California-bound readers will avail themselves of a similar delightful day and subsequent enjoyable memories.