

land, David Picken, Robert Kilgour, William Gordon, and Robert Lee, elders. The Committee of Management for 1878 consists of Messrs. Alexander Nairn (Chairman), John Y. Reid (Treasurer), Robert Mills, Jr., (Secretary), Robert Carie, Archibald Macdonald, Alex. R. Christie, Robert C. Steele, Henry W. Darling, John S. Ewart, William D. McIntosh, William Gordon, and T. O. Anderson. The trustees of the church property are:—William Kerr, John Gowans, Thomas Woodbridge, Stephen Nairn, and John Skirving Ewart. The congregation desire devoutly to express their gratitude to God for all the goodness, mercy, and truth which He has made to pass before them during the past twenty-five years. They go forward to the erection of this new building in humble dependence on His guidance, asking His presence to go with them—"Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it." The foundation stone of this building, erected for the worship of God and to His glory, is laid on Tuesday, the second day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and in the forty-first year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria; the Rev. Hugh McLeod, D.D., Sydney, Cape Breton, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; the Right Honorable Sir Frederick Temple, Earl of Dufferin, K.P., Governor-General of Canada; the Honorable Donald Alexander Macdonald, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario; the Honorable Oliver Mowat (a member of the congregation) Premier of the Government of Ontario; Angus Morrison, Esq., Mayor of the city of Toronto. Building Committee—William Kerr, Chairman; Alexander Nairn, Treasurer; Henry W. Darling, Secretary; Rev. John M. King, Archibald Macdonald, John Y. Reid, Thomas Woodbridge, Wm. Stobie, Thomas W. Taylor, H. R. Christie, D. S. Keith, Stephen Nairn, David Picken, John Gay, John S. Ewart, T. O. Anderson, Josiah Bruce, R. C. Steele, Robert Lee, Wm. Thompson, John Young, James Rankine, and J. McCuaig. Architects—Messrs. Smith & Gemmell. Contractors—Brown & Love for mason work; Geo. Gall for carpenter work; Joseph McCausland, painting and glazing; D. S. Keith & Co., plumbing and gasfitting; Douglas Brothers, galvanized iron and tinsmith work; Robert Rennie, slating; Hynes Brothers, plastering; J. R. Armstrong, heating apparatus.

Together with this scroll there are also deposited in the corner stone:—The Acts and Proceedings of the First General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, 1875; the Acts and Proceedings of the General Assembly of 1877; the PRESBYTERIAN YEAR BOOK for 1878; the "Year Book of Canada" for 1878; Knox College Calendar, Session 1877-78; Annual Report of the Congregation for 1877; copies of the last issues of the "Presbyterian Record" for the Dominion of Canada; CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, and of the Toronto daily newspapers; also the current coins of the Dominion of Canada.

"God be merciful unto us and bless us and cause His face to shine upon us, that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee O God; let all the people praise thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise thee O God, let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase, and God even our own God shall bless us. God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him." Amen and Amen.

WILLIAM KERR, Chairman.
H. W. DARLING, Secretary.

The Chairman then presented Rev. Mr. King, pastor of the church, with a silver trowel, on which are inscribed the following words:—"Presented to the Rev. John M. King, M.A., on laying the foundation stone of the Presbyterian Church, Gerrard Street, in process of erection for the Gould Street congregation, Toronto, April 2, 1878."

Rev. Mr. King then laid the stone, after which he offered up a prayer.

Rev. Dr. Topp then delivered a short address congratulating both pastor and people on their prosperity. He looked upon the erection of this new church and the prosperity of the churches generally as an evidence that Christianity is not losing its power. He referred to the great advancement which has taken place during the past twenty years in the matter of building churches, and held the fact of so many new church edifices going up as a healthy sign. He had noticed in the papers that a desire had been expressed by certain parties to acquire the site of Knox Church for the purpose of erecting an educational institution thereon, but he did not believe there was any truth in the statement; at least neither he nor his congregation had heard of it. Should they think of selling, however, he knew they would get a good price for their site. He was glad to see so much brotherly love prevailing among the clergymen of the various denominations, and hoped the feeling would increase. He congratulated the congregation on the accomplishment, so far, of their wishes.

After Dr. Topp had spoken the gathering adjourned to the school room.

The Chairman, after another Psalm had been sung, called on Rev. Mr. Wardrope, of Guelph, to speak.

Rev. Mr. Wardrope congratulated the congregation and pastor on the progress they had made, and spoke words of encouragement to them for the future. He referred particularly to the great Home Mission work

carried on by the congregation, and for which they deserved every praise. He endorsed the movement for the erection of churches to meet the demands of the ever increasing population, and painted in glowing language what the condition of things would be were there no churches. In closing he wished Mr. King and his congregation many happy years of prosperity in their new church.

Congratulatory speeches were also delivered by Mr. W. H. Howland, Rev. John Potts, Rev. J. A. G. Dickson, and Rev. Dr. Green, when the Chairman called on Rev. Mr. King, who spoke as follows:

With so many esteemed brethren present with us on this occasion and prepared to speak to us, I should think it out of place to say more than a few words. It is right, however, that in the name of the congregation for whose use this building is being erected, and in my own name, I should express the pleasure which it gives us to have so many brethren, representing various branches of the Church of Christ, present to express their sympathy with us in the enterprise in which we are engaged. The erection of a new church involving very considerable outlay, and implying in our case both a change of site and a change of name, is, even under the most favorable circumstances, an undertaking attended with great difficulty, and not to be gone about without much deliberation. The need confessed on all hands of better accommodation for the Sabbath School and for the week-day meetings of the congregation than the basement supplies made some change necessary, and after much and anxious consideration given to the subject, it was deemed by a majority of the congregation the wisest course, in view of the not altogether satisfactory accommodation supplied by the church itself for the Sabbath worship of so large a congregation, to meet this need by an entirely new erection, provided a purchaser could be found for the old property at a fair price, and a suitable site in the same locality obtained. In the providence of God it was found possible to meet both these conditions. The property was sold to the Catholic Apostolic Church for \$10,000 and a site obtained for a new church, which is generally allowed to be surpassed by none in the city. The congregation has parted from its former place of worship with many regrets. If in the new one, on a part of which it has already entered, it is privileged to enjoy as much harmony and prosperity as in the old, it will have cause to be thankful. I hope it is not necessary for me to say that this movement has no aggressive aim towards any other congregation in the city. It is simply designed to furnish more adequate and comfortable accommodation for the worship of God to the families at present connected with us, and to any who coming to our growing city may be disposed to throw in their lot with us, and also to put the congregation in a better position for doing Christian work in the neighborhood in which from its organization it has been placed. The erection of the former church was planned and commenced, when the members of the congregation were few, when material and labor were higher than they had ever previously been, when every one was sanguine as to the continuance of the prosperous times with which Canada was then favored. It was scarcely opened when everything was changed, when a period of unprecedented depression and depreciation of values set in, and the utmost difficulty was experienced to meet the obligations incurred in the erection of the church. This new church has been planned and begun with the membership of the congregation, moderately large, at a time when both material and labor are low, and in a period of great commercial depression. Let us hope that the contrast will be maintained throughout, and that before it is opened better times will have come to all classes in our country, and as great ease be felt by us in making our payments, as those who went before us experienced difficulty. There is enough that is encouraging and hopeful in our movement to keep us from despondency, and there is enough of uncertainty and peril about it to keep us from boastful self-confidence, and to make daily trust in God and recourse to Him necessary. This is probably in a Christian point of view the most desirable position, alike for us as individuals and as bodies of men.

The Benediction was then pronounced by the Rev. R. Wallace and the proceedings terminated.

KNOX COLLEGE.

The closing exercises of the Session of 1877-78 took place in the Convocation Hall in Knox College on Wednesday of last week. At noon, precisely, the time for the commencement of the proceedings, there was a large assemblage in the Hall, comprising a large number of ladies, and a number of ministers from a distance as well as of those belonging to the city. The proceedings were highly interesting, and were noted with much appreciation by the audience. Principal Caven presided, and there were also on the platform Revs. Prof. Gregg, M.A.; Prof. McLaren; Dr. Proudfoot; Dr. Topp; Dr. Reid; J. M. King M.A.; J. Gray, M.A.; and several others.

Devotional exercises were first engaged in. Prayer was offered by Dr. Topp.

Principal Caven introduced the reading of the names of the winners of prizes and the statement of their collegiate distinctions by a few remarks on the present position of the institution. The financial condition of the College was such as to require very vigorous efforts on the part of its constituents. The present incubus of debt must be removed. At the same time there was no reason for regarding the fu-

ture with despondency. The importance of the work should be appreciated by an intelligent people, who could see the necessary connection between a prosperous condition of the Colleges and the success of missions both home and foreign; for nothing could be less wise than to regard the several schemes of the Church as rivals the one to the other. In reading over the lists he entered into explanations where necessary, and referred to the highly satisfactory nature of the examination papers. The announcement in succession of the names of the fortunate students was received with no niggard applause by the students in the audience, as well as by the entire assembly.

The following is a list of those taking prizes and honours:—

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

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1st year.—Gould-street Church, Toronto, W. G. Hanna, \$60; London (1) J. S. McKay, \$50; Burns, — Conboy, \$40.
2nd year.—Alexander R. Y. Thomson, \$60; Knox Church, Hamilton, John Mutch, \$50.
3rd year.—Cooke's Church, Toronto, John Gibson, \$60; A. F. Skinner, J. W. Cameron, \$50; Charles-street Church, Toronto, Joseph Builder, \$40.

CLOSING EXAMINATIONS.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

1st year.—Bayne Scholarship, \$50, proficiency in Hebrew, J. K. Wright; Alexander Scholarship (1), \$50, general proficiency, A. B. Baird, B.A.; Gillies Scholarship, \$50, Systematic Theology, James Ross; Goldie Scholarship, \$50, Exegetics, W. A. Hunter, B.A.; Gillies Scholarship (2), \$40, Church History, G. D. McKay; Esson Scholarship (1), \$40, Biblical History, J. C. Tibb, B.A.; Dunbar Scholarship, \$50, Apologetics, James Craigie, B.A.; Heron Scholarship, \$40, Biblical Criticism, R. W. Kennedy, B.A.; Douglas Scholarship, \$40, 2nd for Apologetics, Wm. McKay.

2nd year.—J. A. Cameron Scholarship, \$60, general proficiency, Donald Tait, B.A.; Bonar Scholarship, \$40, Church History, S. H. Eastman; Loghrin Scholarship, \$50, Systematic Theology, D. M. Beattie, B.A.; Alexander Scholarship (2) \$50, Exegetics, A. W. Marling; Esson Scholarship (2), \$40, Biblical History, Andrew Henderson.

3rd year.—Prince of Wales Prize, \$60, F. R. Beattie, M.A.; Fisher Scholarship, (1), \$60, Systematic Theology, Joseph McCoy, M.A.; Fisher Scholarship (2), \$60, Exegetics, A. T. Colter; Hamilton Central Church Scholarship, \$60, General Proficiency, John Wilkie, M.A.; Esson Scholarship, \$40, Biblical History, W. J. Smith.

2nd and third years.—Boyd Scholarship, \$40, Church Government, Alex. Leslie, M.A.; Smith Scholarship, \$50, Essay on "The Teaching of the Confession of Faith in Relation to the Love of God," J. R. Johnston.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd years.—Clark Prize (1), Lange's Commentary, for New Testament Greek, Jas. Craigie, B.A.; Clark Prize (2), Lange's Commentary, for Hebrew, Daniel M. Beattie, M.A.; Scholarship of \$40 for proficiency in the Gaelic language, Alex. Fraser.

GRADUATING CLASS.

A. T. Colter, F. R. Beattie, M.A., F. Ballantyne, M.A., J. B. Hamilton, M.A., J. Johnston, J. Wilkie, M.A., A. Leslie, M.A., J. McCoy, M.A., D. Ross, M.A., D. G. McKay, W. J. Smith, A. Fraser, T. Atkinson, D. Currie, J. C. Watt.

The following are the first names in the several classes of each year:—

1st year.—Systematic Theology, W. A. Hunter, B.A., A. B. Baird, B.A., James Ross, equal; Exegetics, A. B. Baird, B.A.; Church History, A. B. Baird, B.A.; Apologetics, James Craigie, B.A.; Bible Criticism, A. B. Baird, B.A.

2nd year.—Systematic Theology, D. M. Beattie, B.A.; D. Tait, B.A., equal; Church History, D. Tait, B.A.; Biblical History, Andrew Henderson; Exegetics, D. Tait, B.A.; Church Government, etc., D. M. Beattie, B.A.

3rd year.—Systematic Theology, F. R. Beattie, M.A.; Church Government, etc., Alex. Leslie, M.A.; Exegetics, A. T. Colter, F. R. Beattie, M.A., equal; Biblical History, A. T. Colter.

The closing lecture was delivered by the Rev. Prof. GREGG, M.A., on "The Mosaic Authorship of the Book of Deuteronomy," and will appear in our columns next week.

ON Wednesday evening the 27th ult. a concert was held in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Windsor, which was very successful although the state of the weather hindered many from being present. The singing is said to have been excellent.

A SOIREE was held on the 7th ult. in connection with the Presbyterian congregation of Bradford. The pastor, Rev. E. W. Pantton, presided, and Rev. Messrs. Fraser of Bond Head and Boyd of the Primitive Methodist Church, Bradford, occupied seats on the platform. Rev. Dr. Fraser, from Formosa, delivered his able and instructive lecture on China to an appreciative audience. Music was supplied by the choir of the Church under the leadership of Miss McConkey. The proceeds of the soiree and of a social held afterwards, amounted to about \$70, a portion of which is to be devoted to the Sabbath School, and the balance to the Formosa Mission.