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The CHAIRMAN here announced that there would be a united prayer meeting in the Convocation Hall at eight o'clock next evening, to which all were cordially invited.

Rev. Principal WHITES, of the Congregational College, said: The commercial men of this city had often shown that the money they have gained had other and nobler uses than to be expended unnecessarily on themselves and families. Among these other and nobler uses the promotion of the higher education had a prominent place. One of them, more than three-quarters of a century ago, founded the admirable University which bears his name, and very many others afterwards contributed largely to its funds, that it might grow and be more efficient. This very year one of them has presented to the University the choice and beautiful wood building not far from this spot for a museum. And, we may say in passing, that the imperative needs of the great works which it is prosecuting, have already gone beyond the means at its disposal, and now give a call for aid. Again, one of our merchants has also recently purchased a commodious home for the Diocesan Theological College, and presented it to that institution. And now we are assembled to congratulate the Presbyterian College on the receipt of this splendid and costly gift from another of our merchants. In all these we see a wise and healthful employment of wealth. God has greatly prospered Mr. Morrice, and he seeks to glorify God in this manner. This matter ascends to a higher place than that occupied by merely general education. The special training in this college is for the Christian Ministry, and I venture to say that none of our many improvements in this age of progress will improve off the stage this great factor of the Presbyterian ministry. Its character and work have more to do with the true prosperity of Montreal than the mere man of statistics dreams of. Personally I have known the city for sixty years—was a dweller in it when its population was but 28,000—have not ceased to have relations with it since then, and have been one of its ministers during forty-six years. I have observed its movements, taken part in its struggles, and, in some small degree, helped its progress; and I am prepared to maintain that the character and work of its Christian ministry have raised the tone of society, have checked not a few evils, have enlarged, broadened and elevated the intellectual position of its people, have stimulated greatly the cause of general and liberal education, and have done something towards training men to perform deeds of splendid generosity, of which this hall and library are a specimen, and all this tells mightily on material progress. I need not advert now to the never-ceasing work of guidance, sympathy and consolation quietly done by that ministry in the homes of the people; nor may I now enlarge on that which, I hope, we all acknowledge to be of infinite moment—I mean the bringing of men, as sinners, to Christ the Saviour, and raising them up from spiritual death to a life of righteousness and an eternity of blessedness. Now, that grand gift is designed to promote the more thorough training and equipment of such a ministry, men called of God to the great work. May the blessed Head of the Church speed their work now and in future generations. To His name be all the glory, and let all the people say amen!

The Chairman then drew attention to the presence on the platform of the Rev. J. Edgar Hill, the newly inducted pastor of St. Andrew's Church, and would have asked him to deliver an address were it appropriate to detain them. He would, however, call upon him to close their proceedings with the apostolic benediction.

The Rev. Mr. Hill then came forward and pronounced the benediction.

THE CONVERSAZIONE.

Two thousand invitations had been issued by the Principal, Professors and Senate, for the Conversazione in the evening. These embraced all the Ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the professorial staffs of sister institutions, and the friends of the College everywhere. Fully 1300 were present. Shortly after eight o'clock, the Rev. R. H. Warden took the chair, and formally opened the proceedings. Mr. John McLaren, assisted by a chorus composed of students, rendered in excellent style a sacred song of dedication, arranged expressly for the occasion by himself.

The Rev. Edward Torrance, of Peterborough, Ont., on behalf of the graduates, delivered a brief and eloquent address, in the course of which he pleaded the establishment of a chair of elocution. A choice programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered at intervals during the evening, among the performers being Mrs. Thurston, the Harmony Male Quartette and Mr. Charles Reichling. The portion of the evening not occupied by the programme, was spent by the guests in promenading the beautiful halls and corridors of the building. The gathering dispersed at a late hour.

The pianos used, including a grand, were furnished by Messrs C. C. De Zouche & Co., who kindly provided them free of expense.

THE UNITED PRAYER-MEETING.

As a fitting close to the impressive ceremonies and festivities of the previous day, a united prayer-meeting of the city churches was held in the Hall, on Wednesday evening. The room was completely filled. A number of city pastors took part in the exercises, which were exceedingly profitable. It was suggested by several speakers, that this be only the fore-runner of many such united gatherings before the Throne of Grace in this place. Dr. Cochrane, the Chairman, before pronouncing the benediction, extended an invitation to the people to visit the corridors and dormitories which were thrown open to all.

Mission Work in Manitoba.

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THE settlement of the North-West has afforded the Presbyterian Church of Canada an opportunity to display her missionary spirit in a high degree. Those who would lament the decay of this spirit in the Church must needs fail to find, at home, any grounds for their despondency. As there has never been a time when the demands for Home Mission Work were more urgent, and the conditions for vigorously prosecuting it more favorable, so is it equally true that our Church has never been more alive to a sense of responsibility in availing herself of this propitious state of affairs. This is specially true of that part of our Dominion of which we are now speaking. Nor could it scarce be otherwise, so apparent are the advantages that must result from such a policy. Foremost among these is to be placed the rapidity with which Mission stations become self-sustaining. The writer was engaged this summer in a new field and received contributions therefrom sufficient to defray about half the expenses incurred. Next year this district should be able to dispense with outside assistance. This is but a solitary instance of what is true touching every other part of the North-West. Nor need this excite any wonder. A thrifty, intelligent and well-to-do class of men and women