

of Doctor of Divinity conferred upon him by the Senate of Queen's University, Kingston, at its last Convocation. We wish the Doctor many years to wear his well-merited honour. We take the following from the *Queen's College Journal*: Professor MacLaren was presented to the Chancellor by Principal Grant in the following terms—Mr. Chancellor, I have the honour to present to you the Rev. William MacLaren, Professor of Theology in Knox College, Toronto, and to ask you to confer upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. In this case the Senate desires to honour, as far as it lies in their power, not only Dr. MacLaren, but also Knox College, for it is well known that its students, past and present, unanimously declare him a worthy representative of that sister establishment of the Church in Ontario. Dr. MacLaren's ministerial career, from his ordination, was marked by pre-eminent success as a pastor, preacher and teacher, or Doctor. The evidences of his faithful activity and large powers of organization are to found to this day in the congregations to which he ministered. On account of his abilities as a teacher and his acquirements in the special department of Systematic Theology, he was appointed Professor in his *Alma Mater*, Knox College, and the expectations formed of him have been amply fulfilled. Indeed, during the last ten years he has discharged all the functions of a true Doctor of Divinity. His published treatises upon important themes prove him to be possessed of a logical and vigorous mind, and ripe and accurate scholarship, while his devotion to the cause of Foreign Missions shows how deeply his heart is interested in the grandest of Christian enterprises. The Senate believe that the conferring of this degree will commend itself to all the ministers

and members of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and trusts that it shall be considered to symbolize in some measure those sentiments of friendship and esteem which are cherished by the Senates of institutions which have so much in common.

THROUGH the courtesy of Professor Newman, of McMaster Hall, a copy of his pamphlet on *Liberty of Conscience, a Fundamental Baptist Principle*, has been placed in the hands of the theological students of Knox College.

This pamphlet is a contribution to a discussion arising out of the following sentence published in the July number of the *Presbyterian Review*: "If the Baptists or Quakers, or any other of the sects, had come into power, they would have been no less intolerant and persecuting than the others." The object of the pamphlet is to show that it is *impossible* for Baptists to be intolerant and persecuting, since "freedom of conscience has been from the beginning, not simply a *constant characteristic* of the Baptists, but a *fundamental principle*, without which the identity of the body could not be maintained."

The claim is urged, with great confidence, that Baptists from the first have been the *only* consistent advocates and exemplars of the doctrine of liberty of conscience.

While thanking the Professor for his gift, it may be considered very discourteous, nay presumptuous, on our part to say anything in the shape of criticism, yet we cannot refrain from expressing our disappointment upon its perusal. When a writer makes an exclusive claim to anything, it is only natural that he be expected to make good that claim by reasonable and sufficient evidence. We have not the slightest objection to Professor Newman claiming for our Baptist