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PICTOU ACADEMY'S CENTENARY CELEBRATION A GRAND SUCCESS

Leaders in the Intellectual Life of Canada and the States Gather to Do Honor to Their Alma Mater. A Glorious Past—A More Glorious Future. Bursary Fund over \$8,000.

They must have been proud men this week, those grand old forefathers of ours who laid broad and deep the foundations of non-sectarian education in Nova Scotia by founding Pictou academy. Proud indeed they must have been as they sat gathered together in the old shire town, they loved so well hundreds of distinguished men and women from all over the world, and all bent on doing honor to them and to the work they had left behind them. And these hundreds were but a drop in the bucket of the thousands whom Pictou academy has turned out into the world to spread her high ideals.

Much had been expected of the centenary, but its success exceeded all expectations. There was but one regret, that Dr. Daniel M. Gordon, president of Queen's university, one of the four great college presidents which Pictou academy has given to Canada, and the man who originated the centenary idea, was prevented by ill health from being present.

On its practical side, the raising of an ample bursary fund, the centenary was a success before the celebration started, there being \$8,000 in funds, an ample amount to assure at least seven good bursaries. "Aim at \$10,000," says President Gordon, and it is not unlikely that the \$10,000 mark will be reached. As more than one speaker intimated the centenary celebration is but also business, and it is not unlikely that the future of the academy will be greater than its great past.

It was fitting that the celebration should open on Sunday and that the opening service should be in Prince Street church, for the first pastor of Prince street, Dr. Macdonald, has been the academy's founder. No finer service was ever held in a Presbyterian church in Canada than that of Sunday morning last in Prince street.

Morning Service in Prince Street. Rev. A. D. Archibald, the resident pastor, presided, and with him on the floral decked platform were Rev. W. P. Grant, D.D., of Toronto; Rev. Anderson Ross, D.D., of Antigonish, academy graduate and Rev. C. A. Munro, of the Methodist church. The order of service was as follows: Doxology. Prayer—Rev. A. D. Archibald. Psalm 114—O Lord thou art my God and King. Scripture Reading—Rev. A. D. Archibald. Hymn 291—O God of Bethel. Prayer—Rev. Dr. Rogers. Hymn 303—Behold what witnesses unseen. Scripture Reading—Rev. C. A. Munro. Anthem—Gloria from Mozart's 12th Mass. Sermon—Rev. W. P. Grant. Solo—Mrs. P. A. Curry. Hymn 137—O Happy is the man who hears. God Save the King.

A union choir led in the service of song with fine effect, and Mrs. Curry's solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple" was a particularly pleasing number. Rev. W. P. Grant's Sermon. In his sermon Rev. W. P. Grant, M. A. said in part: "Today we look back over a century of unbroken friendship between religion and education in this country since Dr. Thomas Macdonald, the first minister of this church (Prince St.), founded Pictou academy in 1816. Since then Pictou county has sent out almost leaders into the world than almost any other place of equal population in the empire. Where else could be found a better example of the church and school work hand in hand? This illustrious history furnishes us with a fitting background for the study of two very live questions: 1. The place of education in the church, and (2) the place of religion in the school.

The list of graduates is seven higher

and the great will for men. This seems like an unfortunate step, for the greater the task, so much the greater the need of adequate preparation. But perhaps a greater problem in our country is the need of religion in the school. What we ask for is not five minutes a day for bible reading and prayer, good as that would be in its place. What we ask for is that all our teachers be men and women with a Christian spirit, interested above everything else in the fullest growth of the child. If a teacher has this spirit, everything he teaches—literature, history, science—will lead itself most naturally to his purpose.

In Prince Street in the Evening. The service in Prince Street in the evening was largely attended. There was special music by the united choir of St. Andrew's and Prince Street. Mrs. George MacLeod and Mr. J. W. Grant contributed pleasing solos. Rev. Dr. Rogers' Sermon. A summary of the sermon preached by Rev. Dr. Anderson Rogers was as follows: "The children of men are as sheep that are gone astray. How much more than a sheep!" In addition to all other deprecations of the worth of man that have gained currency in this country for the last two years, has been carried into effect on a stupendous scale the teaching of Nietzsche, that the ruling class should, when deemed necessary, sacrifice countless numbers of men as if they were mere slaves. Because of these abominable notions, the world has its white slave trade, and black slave trade, and all the other horrors and crimes that have placed the infinite works of our God can know God as His Heavenly Father. Philosophy contradicts us here, and comprehend the infinite. To which it may be replied, "We do not require need to be able to see the millions of stars that fill our heaven in order to be uplifted by their majesty, and the honor which might spreads its subtle wings. I do not need to be able to classify all the choice ones in my garden will satisfy me in like manner we do not need to be able to comprehend the infinite overhang of the skies. If we can be sure that his heart beats in pity over the motherless child, for the mother whose son lies wounded in a German camp, for the man broken on the wheel of misfortune, and that he has resources available for each we can trust even in the darkness.

Dr. Rogers in concluding compared the condition of affairs when Pictou academy was established at the close of the Napoleonic period with the greater menace to the world's liberties today. "The criticism luke that is fast filling in Europe, containing such of Canada's most precious blood will all be vain if the world remains sunken in sordid aims and ambitions. Better far to have been nursed in the lap of luxury and taught to worship Thor, wielder of the hammer, than having been nurtured in the lap of luxury, and to enter them for the indulgence of the passing hour. Every grave opened in Flanders and on the Somme to receive a Canadian soldier's mortal remains, appeals to us to keep our ideals lofty and pure.

Monday's Programme. On Monday morning the business meeting to deal with the bursary fund was held in the town hall. Those present at this meeting were E. M. Macdonald, M.P.; Mayor J. W. Smith, Dr. Maclellan, J. W. Priest, Sheriff Harris, W. Harris, F. B. A. Chipman, Pictou; M. Murdoch, F. Yorston and I. Gammell, Montreal; Dr. Gordon Maclellan, Lunenburg; H. Munro, Columbia university, New York; Dr. Rogers, Antigonish; Dr. H. MacKay, Halifax; Rev. W. P. Grant, Toronto; Rev. P. M. Macdonald, Toronto; Rev. W. J. Maclellan, Hamilton, Quebec; Dr. Ross Hill, of Missouri university; W. O. Creighton, West River; W. J. Maxwell, Westville. All present took a keen interest in the business on hand.

Trustees Appointed. The following resolution was passed: "Whereas it is desirable to perpetuate certain bursaries to celebrate the centennial of Pictou academy; and whereas, certain funds have been contributed for the purpose of providing such bursaries and are now in the custody of Mr. E. M. Macdonald, the honorary secretary of the committee appointed for that purpose; therefore resolved, That Messrs. E. M. Macdonald, James W. Smith and James Primrose and their successors,

be and they are hereby appointed trustees of the said funds and of any other funds that may hereafter be received from any source whatever for said purpose, under the name and title of "Trustees of the Pictou Academy Centenary Trust."

Further resolved, That the honorary secretary of the committee do pay over to the said trustees all of the funds in his custody, upon the execution by them of a declaration of trust containing among other things not inconsistent with the foregoing, an undertaking to carry out the terms of the declaration of trust and to invest the same from time to time, as they may deem fit, in such securities as are permitted under "The Trustee Act."

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To apply the income therefrom toward the payment of bursaries to students of Pictou academy who shall win the same in competitive examinations prescribed by the faculty, the amount of the respective bursaries, the names of the respective students, and the names of the trustees of the trust, after conference with the faculty of Pictou academy.

To render a detailed statement of account annually to the Board of School Commissioners of the town of Pictou.

To act as such trustees without remuneration.

That in the event of a vacancy or vacancies occurring in the board of trustees by death, resignation, refusal to act, incapacity or otherwise, the Board of School Commissioners of the town of Pictou, acting with the remaining trustees or trustee, if any, shall have power to appoint a trustee or trustees to fill such vacancy or vacancies by appointing a citizen or citizens of the town of Pictou who shall not be members of the Board of School Commissioners; and that the trustees shall not be personally liable for any loss or failure through any investment properly made.

That the Board of School Commissioners of the town of Pictou for the time being, shall be a necessary and proper party to any action, application or proceeding at law or against the trustees and shall be authorized to begin, institute and prosecute any such action, application or proceeding and to appear and defend or consent to such.

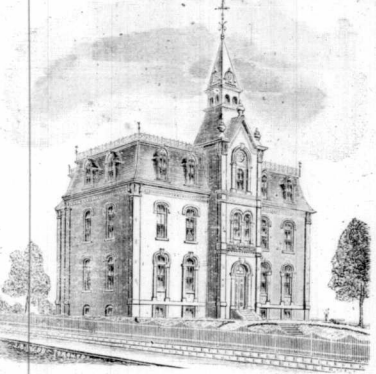
Further resolved, That the receipt of the trustees shall be a good and sufficient discharge to the honorary secretary of the committee for all funds in his custody.

Pictou, N. S., Aug. 28, 1916.

It was resolved that letters of thanks be sent to the donors of the Campbell, MacGregor and Carmichael

bursaries and that a telegram of regret for his illness be sent to Dr. Gordon.

The procession. At two o'clock the procession from the old academy to the new was timed to start and the ground around the old building were thronged with hundreds of men and women all bent on doing honor to their alma mater. The procession numbered about five hundred and presented a striking spectacle. There were students of yesterday's years ago and students of yesterday's years ago and students of yesterday's years ago and students of yesterday's years ago.



THE SECOND ACADEMY BUILDING. BUILT IN 1886. SET ON FIRE BY LIGHTNING AND ALTHOUGH THE WALLS DESTROYED OCTOBER 26, 1905.

Major J. W. Smith happily extended a welcome on behalf of the town. He said: "One hundred years ago our forefathers, appreciating the importance of free and non-sectarian education, laid the foundation of which we are celebrating today. The result of that effort was to make this town the non-sectarian centre for many years of the maritime provinces, and to give to Canada as a whole its leaders in the educational world, in the pulpits, and in the learned professions, which influence has extended beyond our borders to the numerous graduates who fill positions of importance in American colleges. We are proud to have had the honor of being the first to found this academy, and we are proud to have the honor of celebrating its centenary today, the distinguished president of its university, as an evidence of the truth of my statement.

With the idea of perpetuating the usefulness of this great institution, and of extending its influence in the coming century we are holding this celebration and we are grateful for the generous aid which has come in to us for the foundation, from the sons and daughters of the academy outside our town for the numerous bursaries which we will be able to offer to students in the future.

It is my duty and privilege as the mayor of the town and chairman of the board of school commissioners to extend a hearty welcome to all who have honored us with their visit today; to assure them that the efforts that have been put forth on behalf of this institution impose upon the citizens of the town the task of seeing that its high status is maintained, and that we may worthily carry on in the new century the splendid work that has been consummated in the old.

Welcome all the visitors today to the town, and assure them to the fullest extent of our hospitality, I hope that they may enjoy the many reunions which will take place and come back to us frequently in the future.

A Brilliant Orator. Dr. Maclellan then called upon Dr. A. Ross Hill, a student at Pictou academy in 1888, and now one of the foremost educators of America. In a brilliant oration marked by ease of delivery, choice diction, and frequent flashes of humor, Dr. Hill charmed the great audience in which were



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Some of the Donations. Dr. Maclellan mentioned the following donations: First, the Dr. Patterson scholarship, in honor of the historian of Pictou county, and the biographical of Dr. MacGregor, the missionary of Pictou, contributed by Hon. James D. MacGregor and other descendants; second, the Carmichael scholarship, given by the Misses Carmichael in memory of their father, the great and honored man of Pictou; third, the Macdonald scholarship, contributed by members of the Macdonald family, who have played such a conspicuous part in the life of the county; and two contributions of five hundred dollars each from George S. M.P.P. of Halifax. These, he hoped, would be amplified into scholarships. Dr. Maclellan thanked the contributors equally as warmly as the donors. The sum already raised formed a splendid beginning for the new century and would be a grand impetus to make it as great a success as the old.

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