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In issuing this Annual Report, the authorities of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College desire to express their thankfulness to the Almighty Father of all goodness for the success and manifold blessings which have attended their labours during the past year.

A brief review of the past year, a short statement of the present position, and a forecaste of the future prospects of the College, will, they imagine, be of public interest to the members of the Church in Canada.

STAFF.

They rejoice to be able to say that at length a year has come when the College has been manned by a complete staff of Lecturers. Professor Steen, after a winter spent in Egypt, was enabled to

resume his Lectures in Apologetics and Ecclesiastical History. One good result of his return was that the Dean of Montreal, who during his absence had kindly lectured upon Apologetics, was thereby set free to deliver a valuable course of Lectures upon Ecclesiastical and Canon Law, which has now become an essential subject in our curriculum.

The Rev. F. W. M. Barnes has been in charge of a Preparatory Class of eight members, of whom one was obliged to retire owing to ill health, and seven hope to present themselves next month for the Matriculation Examination into the McGill University. We must wait for the results of that examination before we can form a just judgment of the progress made in that department. We believe, however, that the results will justify our hopes; and would take this opportunity of expressing our firm conviction, that, if that department is to be continued, it should be supplied with the best instruction available. The continuance of a Probationers' Class is, undoubtedly, a question open to discussion; but we are of one mind in believing that, if continued, it should be put in charge of a fully qualified Lecturer, whose time should be entirely given to its instruction.

STUDENTS.

During the year there have been thirty Students and Probationers upon the Roll, as against twenty-two the preceding year; but two, a Senior Student and Probationer, were obliged to fall out owing to ill health.

UNIVERSITY STANDING.

With reference to University standing, the 30 Students may be thus divided:—

8 B.A.'s—viz.: 1 of Trinity College, Toronto; 2 of Bishop's College, Lennoxville; and 5 of McGill University.

4 in the third year of McGill.

6 in the second " "

4 in the first " "

and 8 Probationers.

In this connection, it is but right that we should call public attention to the fundamental rule that all Students must have passed the matriculation examination at some recognized University. We

desire that all issuing from the College should be graduates in Arts, as well as Licentiates of the Theological College.

Remembering the failures of last year it is satisfactory to be able to say that all the under-graduates have succeeded in keeping their years, though we would have been better pleased if in five instances supplemental examinations had not been found necessary.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.

Twelve students attended the regular course of Theological Lectures, as against seven the preceding year. It has, however, to be remembered that all Students and Probationers are obliged to attend a Lecture upon the English Bible, and also one upon Elocution, once a week, and that all must qualify in these two subjects; and, in addition, Probationers and Students of the first year in McGill have to attend a lecture once a week upon the Church Catechism.

In the Theological Department the results have been highly satisfactory. All have succeeded in passing the yearly examinations, with a necessity of supplemental examination in only two instances, and an average of 63 per cent. has been attained in all classes. The answering in the Graduating Class was remarkably good. H. T. S. Boyle had an average of 82 per cent. upon the total, and had eight first-class honors (over 75 per cent.) and 1 second-class honor (over 60 per cent). He thereby won the Gault gold medal for highest general standing, as well as six other prizes. J. J. Willis was not far behind, with an average of 78 per cent. upon the total, six first-class, and three second-class honors, winning two prizes. T. B. Holland had 69 per cent., and carried off three prizes. W. B. Heeney had 63 per cent., and won the prize for Elocution.

The only two prizes given in the first year of Theology were won by C. E. Jeakins in Ecclesiastical History and the English Bible.

W. Troop won the prize for Church Catechism.

PASTORAL WORK.

During the year a considerable amount of parochial work has been carried on by the Students under the direction or arrangement of the Principal. In no case is a Student in independent charge of a parish or mission. Four Parishes—Coteau, St. Hyacinthe,

St. Jerome, and Amherst Park—are affiliated to the College; and in two other parishes—Back River and Cote St. Paul—Students have regularly worked under the parochial clergy. In addition to these, occasional services have been taken by others. A weekly Mission Service in St. Stephen's Church has also been regularly conducted during the winter.

SPIRITUAL HELP.

The spiritual help and assistance of the Students has not been forgotten. Three times a week short addresses are delivered, at morning prayer, by the members of the staff. In Lent and Advent a daily Prayer Meeting is held in the chapel for ten minutes before dinner, when intercession is made on successive days for Relations, Education, the Dominion, the Church, Domestic and Foreign Missions. Special addresses on the Fridays in Lent and Advent have also been delivered by outside clergymen. It is needless to say that the Principal and members of the staff are always glad to be consulted by the students in cases of spiritual difficulty.

DISCIPLINE.

The Dean in residence has been in direct control of the discipline in the College, and no serious breach occurred; though, on occasions like the relief of Ladysmith, the loyal spirits of the Students ran high, and were allowed a natural outlet.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

The Lady Superintendent, Miss Tippett, was obliged to avail herself of a rest, but hopes to rejoin in the Fall. Her place was efficiently taken by Miss Symonds, who evinced great ability and energy in looking after the household department of the College.

LIBRARY.

During the year but few books have been added to the Library, and the Governors have resolved to set apart a regular annual sum for this necessary purpose. The books belonging to the Diocesan Synod Library will, it is hoped, be soon placed upon our shelves, but arrangements for their removal have not yet been completed.

A very valuable gift of old books and manuscripts has been presented by Thomas Craig, Esq., of Staten Island, for which we are most grateful.

ATHLETICS.

The Athletic Department has not been neglected. The Gymnasium was in constant use in the earlier and later parts of the winter. A competitive contest was held at the close, when a valuable trophy, presented by Mr. R. A. Dickson, was won by A. A. Ireland.

During the winter—when the snow was not in possession—the Skating Rink at the rear was freely utilized.

In October an athletic contest took place upon the M. A. A. grounds between the members of the four Theological Colleges affiliated to McGill. The events were well contested, and the occasion served to draw more closely together both the Students and also the members of the four great Protestant bodies represented.

The other branches of work within the College walls have been sustained in full vigour.

DEBATING AND LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Students' Debating and Literary Society made a fresh departure. At their invitation, the Rev. J. de Soyres, of St. John, N.B., delivered an able and interesting Lecture upon Cambridge, in the Convocation Hall.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The Students' Missionary Association continues to assist in the support of a Student Lay Reader at Amherst Park, as well as to organize occasional missionary meetings, of which two were held during the past year. They also have undertaken to sell and distribute missionary literature, which they have done with considerable success.

Of the four outgoing graduates one is going as a missionary to work under a distinguished Alumnus of the College—the son-in-law of the late Principal—Bishop Newnham, of Moosonee. We are glad to know that the Diocesan College recognizes, and seeks

to discharge its duty towards the Domestic Missions of the Canadian Church.

MAGAZINE.

The College Magazine has received a new lease of life, owing to the grant made it by the Board of Governors. It is under the management of a Joint Board, consisting of Alumni and Students, and during the past year the Principal has been editor.

CHANGES.

Several changes, initiated by the Educational Council, have been readily adopted and carried out by the Board of Governors.

MOTTO.

It was found that the College had two mottoes. Of these, one "Prædica Verbum" has been dropped; and the other, slightly changed, now reads, "Pro Christo *et* Ecclesia," instead of, as formerly, "Pro Christo *in* Ecclesia."

TESTAMUR.

The Testamur has been printed upon vellum, and thereby has acquired a more dignified appearance.

STAMP AND LABEL.

A very handsome stamp has been made for the outside of prize volumes, and a beautiful label for the inside.

FLAG.

For the first time in our history the flag of the Dominion floats over the Montreal Diocesan Theological College.

CONVOCAATION.

The year closed with the most successful Convocation that has ever been held in this connection. A special service was held in the chapel in the forenoon, when a suitable sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Sweeny, D.D., a distinguished alumnus of the College, now President of the Alumni Association. In the evening the regular Convocation was held in the hall, under the presidency

of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. The opening service was read by the Rev. F. H. Graham, Vice-President of the Alumni Association. The Prizes were distributed to the successful winners, and the Testamur of the College was presented to each of the outgoing graduates. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Canon Sweeny and Rev. Professor Steen; and the Valedictory Address was given by W. B. Heeney, B.A. The Rev. H. E. Horsey, M.A., of Abbotsford, received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity under the provisions of the Canon of the Provincial Synod, and was presented by the Board of Governors with his B.D. Hood, to mark the first occasion upon which the degree was granted in connection with the College. Upon this occasion a portrait of the late Principal, the Rev. Canon Henderson, was presented by Mr. A. F. Gault, and accepted for the College by the Right Reverend Bishop Bond, as President.

The following gifts were also announced: --

A Prize of \$20 in books in Ecclesiastical History, open to the final year, presented by Mr. A. F. Gault.

A set of vessels for the Holy Communion, for the Amherst Park Mission Church, and a Magic Lantern for use in the College; both presented by Mr. R. A. Dickson.

Since then another prize of \$20 in books has been presented by Mr. Chas. Garth, the subject being "The Old and New Testaments."

With regard to the future, we confidently believe that the College will continue to maintain the high position which it has won, and will attract more and more to its halls those desirous of entering the Sacred Ministry of Christ's Church. But we cannot refrain from endorsing the weighty words which fell from the President at the Convocation. We feel strongly that the endowment of the College should be placed upon a sure basis; and we would call upon the Diocese at large to do their part in supplementing the noble gift made to them, by annual subscriptions or, preferably, by donations to the Endowment Fund, till the funds needed for the successful carrying on of this all-important work have been supplied.

(Signed),

W. B. MONTREAL,

President of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College.