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MONTREAL, P.Q., DECEMBER, 1882.

THE old year is fast fleeting to a close, and before another number of our JOURNAL is in your hands, the year 1882 with all its joys and sorrows, defeats and triumphs, will be numbered with the past, and a new year with its precious opportunities, and joyous anticipations, shall have opened before us. At the close of the year a feeling of sadness seems to tinge our spirits. We feel sad at the death-bed of a friend we are about to lose, and it is a feeling somewhat akin to this that we experience as the old year passes away into the never returning past. At such a time we are reminded that one more cycle of time has been added to our probation, bringing with it valuable experiences, and making, let us hope, each one of us wiser and better men. But while we may, it is true, have sad feelings at the close of the year, we also have bright hopes to cheer us. Just as the fading glories of day are soon followed by the glorious sunrise, so, as the old year dies, we hail with joy the advent of a new year. Then we feel the joy of hope, then we make noble resolutions to live a higher and a grander life, and then we resolve that our life will be more earnest in pursuing the ideal we may have laid down for ourselves.

We hope that such aspirations may burn in the hearts of our fellow-students, and that each hope worthy of realization may come to full fruition.

But besides these high and noble aspirations after a truer and better life, we are reminded by the Epicurean part of our nature of other joys that are anticipated at the close of the year. Already thoughts of home are filling our minds, already the glad welcome of the boy from

college is anticipated, already the roast goose and plum pudding rise before our imagination, already the social gathering and pleasant tête-à-tête with the fair sex is seriously interfering with the studies of some of our grave and reverend seniors. But we have said sufficient, it would take an abler pen than ours to describe the feelings that now are throbbing through the students' hearts, and therefore feeling that enough has been said, we close by wishing all our readers a very Merry Christmas and a glad New Year.

THE holidays are fast approaching. Nearly all our students will soon be on their way to meet the happy faces of their friends. Amid their festivities and enjoyments, we trust they will not forget to do something to cheer their *Alma Mater*. Let her also have a share of the good things which abound at this season. Her Missionary Society expects a Christmas box or a New Year's gift from every student. Judging from appeals made to students in behalf of this society in the past, we have reason to believe that, at the close of this prosperous year, they will give an opportunity to their many friends to contribute to its support. Fellow-students, we expect you all to work for our society during the holidays. Will not all our graduates send the society a New Year's present?

WE are glad to notice that our popular *Local and Exchange* editor, Mr. A. Scrimger, is equally popular in his class in McGill. He has been elected valedictorian by the graduating class of '83.

THE annual missionary meetings of the Presbyterian churches in this city were held on the evenings of the 21st, 22nd and 23rd Nov. The chief speakers at these meetings were, the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rev. J. McIntosh, of Philadelphia, and the Rev. J. Hogg, of New Brunswick. Tuesday evening was devoted to Home Missions, Wednesday evening to French Evangelization, and Thursday to Foreign Missions. The meeting on Wednesday evening was specially interesting, owing to the presence of the pupils of the Pointe-aux-Trembles Missien School, who favored the audience by singing several very beautiful hymns. These missionary meetings are very important as a means of interesting and instructing our people in these great fields of labor that lie open to our church. Those who attended the meetings this year were highly favored in listening to the able addresses of the speakers.

## David Morrice Hall and Library.

### OPENING CEREMONIES.

A FULL HOUSE, AND ENTHUSIASTIC ADDRESSES.

PRESENTATION OF DEED OF DONATION AND ITS ACCEPTANCE.—THE DEDICATION HYMN.—THE ADDRESSES TO THE DONOR AND HIS REPLY.—THE CONVERSATION A BRILLIANT SUCCESS.—UNITED WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER-MEETING.

The 28th of November was a day eagerly looked forward to by many expectant eyes. At first fears were entertained that the buildings would not be finished in time, and, for several days, they were truly the scene of bustle and no little confusion. Painters, glaziers, gas-fitters, carpenters, all put forth their best endeavors to give the finishing touches before the 28th arrived. Perhaps their work was, to a considerable extent, hindered by the busy activities and excitement incident to the removal of our entire library to its new quarters, before the paint on the shelves had fairly dried.

The 28th dawned very propitiously, and the forenoon passed swiftly away. A tremendous and final effort was made by the contractors to have everything completed at the hour of opening. Their faithful foremen and laborers deserve no little commendation for the success in that direction—keen as was their contest with Father Time! Both the exterior and interior of the buildings presented a very handsome appearance and elicited untold praise.

### THE OPENING CEREMONIES.

Shortly after two o'clock the professors, students and graduates, in full academics, assembled *en masse* in the corridors and class-rooms of the original building, where they were successfully marshalled by the various *censors* previously appointed by the registrar. Presently the joyous peals of the Wiman bell summoned us to the Hall. The procession proceeded through the court in the following order:

Beadle carrying Bible to reading desk.  
Literary Students (*Juniors priores*).  
University Students.  
Divinity Students.  
Graduates.

The Rev. the Moderator of the General Assembly.  
The Rev. the Principal, and Heads of other Colleges.  
Professors, Lecturers and Senate.

Upon entering the Hall, and marching up the aisle, we found an *élite* and influential audience, patiently waiting for the ceremonies to begin. The body of students occupied the first three rows of benches, which had been carefully reserved for them by vigilant ushers. The remaining portion of the procession filled the seats on the platform, Principal Macvicar taking the chair.

The proceedings commenced. The vast assembly rose to their feet and heartily sang:

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!"

The registrar, Rev. Professor Campbell, approached the reading desk, and read a portion of Scripture on the dedication of Solomon's Temple, after which the Rev. A. B. Mackay, of Crescent Street church, led in the Lord's Prayer.

The Hall and Library were then formally presented, Mr. Morrice handing the deed of donation to the college treasurer, Rev. R. H. Warden, who, in acknowledging its receipt, said he believed it to represent the largest contribution to our Church from any one individual. (Applause.)

### DEDICATION HYMN.

Immediately after the acceptance of the deed, the entire audience joined in the following hymn of dedication, specially composed by Principal Macvicar, and sung to the tune "French:"—

Do Thou, O God, this house accept,  
Erected to Thy praise;  
And fill it with Thy glory now,  
And in succeeding days.

Here may Thy truth be held supreme;  
And fill each soul with night,  
To pray, to toil, to wrestle hard,  
And conquer in the fight.

Here may Thy Spirit come with power,  
And heavenly light impart,  
Inspire with courage, faith, and love,  
Each earnest waiting heart.

Forth from these halls let many go,  
To preach the Christ of God,  
To glory in His Cross alone,  
And spread His name abroad.

Through all this great and favored land,  
Their message may they bring:  
And far beyond, on distant shores,  
Exalt their Saviour King.

To those whose generous gift, O Lord,  
Is offered now to Thee,  
Let mercy, grace, and truth abound,  
To all eternity.

Dedication prayer having been offered by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, the following

### ADDRESS FROM THE COLLEGE BOARD

was read by the Secretary, John Stirling, Esq.:-

To David Morrice, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Management of the Presbyterian College, Montreal:

SIR,—On this the occasion of your presenting to them the noble pile of buildings to be known henceforth as the David Morrice Hall and Library, the College Board desire to give formal and permanent expression to the feelings of gratitude with which they hail your generous gift.

To you and to Mrs. Morrice, whose name it will ever be their privilege also to link with the beautiful structure, the Board and all connected with this institution of sacred learning are under no common obligation. You have not only given to the world tangible and most valuable testimony of your united devotion to the Church of your fathers, of your self-sacrificing solicitude for the welfare of its candidates for the holy ministry, and of your appreciation of the work of instruction which has already been carried on within the narrower sphere now enlarged by your bounty; but your zeal has provoked many, and has been the occasion of drawing forth rich streams of Christian liberality toward this and sister institutions throughout the land. It will ever be the aim of the Board, over which you, sir, so honorably preside, to foster the spirit of which you have been so worthy an exponent, and to make of the college and the hall which bears your name a lasting monument of the active principles of that Presbyterian faith which not in vain has claimed your loyalty.

It is the earnest prayer of the Board that you, sir, with Mrs. Morrice and all your household, may continue to enjoy in even larger measure the temporal blessings and heavenly graces of the Giver of all good whose faithful stewards you have approved yourselves; that you may long be spared to witness the growing prosperity, the advanced efficiency and the still wider extension of the work which owes so much to your generosity; and that when at last all earthly structures shall have passed away you may have your place in the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Management of the Presbyterian College, Montreal.

JOHN STIRLING, Secretary,

Montreal, November 28th, 1882.

## ADDRESS FROM THE STUDENTS.

The applause which followed the reading of this address having subsided, Mr. Archibald Lee, on behalf of the students of the College, ascended the platform and read as follows:—

*To David Morrice, Esquire:*

DEAR SIR,—We, the students of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, offer you our sincere congratulations on the opening of this magnificent building which bears your name. You have always been our benefactor, and we desire unitedly to thank you. By the untiring generosity of Mrs. Morrice and yourself you have conferred on us advantages of which we cannot be too mindful; and now, in this crowning work of your munificence, you have laid us under renewed obligation to devote ourselves with increased ardour to those pursuits in which you have shown so deep an interest. We need not tell you that you have increased our comfort, and supplied a long-felt need in our institution. You have done more than this, you have taught us the value of the gift of riches when they are consecrated to the service of the Master. We can but hope that others may catch your enthusiasm, and strive to follow your noble example. You have identified yourself with the intellectual welfare of this Province, and especially have you shown your love for that greatest of all sciences, the science of Theology. This monument of your generosity will be a possession not only to us but to future generations. You have won for yourself the thanks of every true lover of learning and you may be well assured that your name, now and always, will be enshrined with grateful remembrance in every student's heart.

The hearty applause of the students told how fully they re-echoed the sentiments of their address, and when the applause was over, Mr. David Morrice addressed the Principal, authorities and students in the following terms:

## REPLY BY MR. MORRICE.

*Mr. Stirling and Gentlemen of the College Board:—*

I thank you very cordially for the sentiments expressed in the address with which you have favoured me. Let me assure you that it has been to me a source of unmingled satisfaction to be able to do for this institution what you are pleased to speak of in such terms of approval. I value highly your congratulations and your too kind estimate of my efforts, because I know from intimate association with you how sincere these utterances are. It has always been to me a pleasant duty to be united with you in seeking to advance a cause whose best interests you have all so truly at heart. I know well how much, under the hands of a favouring Providence, our success is due to your singleness of purpose, unanimity and perseverance, in carrying out measures for the good of our College. From the very first I can sincerely say that I took a deep interest in it, because I felt that it was destined to become the means of large and lasting good to our whole country, and especially to the Province of Quebec; and in this respect none of us have been disappointed. Many young men who might not otherwise have entered the service of the Church have been attracted to its classes, and its rapid growth convinced me years ago of the necessity of the buildings which I have now passed into your possession, and the thought of erecting which originated with Mrs. Morrice. It appeared to us both that the Church should furnish the very best appliances for the full training and proper culture of candidates for the ministry, and we entertained the hope, which has been in a gratifying measure realized, that by seeking to do our own part in this respect others would be found equally ready to do theirs, and my desire is that we, the members of the Board, should unitedly continue in this line of action until the institution is placed upon a much stronger financial basis than at present, and the work of some of the chairs has been divided by an increase of our teaching staff. I am much gratified by the expression of your appreciation of the substantial character and the utility of these buildings, which we have aimed to make worthy of the high purpose for which they are intended.

*Gentlemen, students of this College:—*

(Here the students rose in a body and remained standing while the speaker addressed them.)

I receive with very special pleasure your address, and in behalf of Mrs. Morrice and for myself tender you sincere thanks for it. It has always been my desire, and I trust ever will be, to promote your comfort, usefulness and success. Hence these buildings are pre-eminently for you. The pleasure you experience while enjoying the advantages of this Hall, this Library and your rooms is not greater than ours in bestowing them. I feel sure that like all your predecessors, you are loyal in heart, in speech and in action to the college of your choice, and allow me to remind you that the growth and honour of this institution are no less in your hands than in the hands of the graduates, the Board and the learned professors and lecturers who carry on the work

of instruction. I have confidence in your earnestness and devotion to the great work to which you look forward, and you can scarcely understand my delight in seeing every room in this whole college filled with such a band of promising young men. I take this as an omen for good to our country, and my prayer is that the spirit of truth and missionary zeal may rest upon you all, and that you may more and more consecrate yourselves and all your attainments to the service of our blessed Redeemer. In behalf of Mrs. Morrice, I again acknowledge very gratefully the kind manner in which the Board and you have referred to her name.

Mr. Morrice supplemented his reply by craving permission to acknowledge his indebtedness to the architect, John James Browne, Esq., whom he wished thus publicly to thank for his kind and willing assistance. The completion of the building was looked forward to with considerable anxiety, a great many changes in the plans being necessary, and Mr. Browne's readiness to meet their wishes had been highly appreciated by himself and Mrs. Morrice—for the gift was quite as much from Mrs. Morrice as from himself. (Loud applause.) He desired also to thank the contractors who had carried out the work substantially and well, each having done his part in a satisfactory manner. He referred to the early days of the College some fourteen years ago, when they met in the class rooms of Erskine Church, and said he remembered well with what misgivings the work of the College was carried forward. But they had not been without many noble friends in this noble work, and he would like to mention one who assisted them at the very beginning of this work—the late Mr. John Redpath, whose name was well known for his acts of benevolence, and it was very pleasing for them to know that his name was now linked with this college and library in the establishment of the John Redpath chair. (Applause.) There was also another name, which would always be held in kindly remembrance by the College—the late Mr. Joseph Mackay, who, in passing away, left them a very substantial instance of his deep interest in this work. But there was also another name, one who was with them now—Mr. Edward Mackay, whose noble and generous gift, supplemented by the handsome amount left by his brother, established a chair in systematic theology, with an endowment of \$40,000. This chair was not called the Edward Mackay chair, nor the Mackay chair, but the Joseph Mackay chair, which he thought was a beautiful instance of that brotherly love which St. Paul spoke about, which made Mr. Mackay pay a tribute in this way to his late brother. He concluded by expressing the hope that the work of the College would be successfully carried on in the new Hall, which was dedicated to Him from whom cometh every good and perfect gift. (Applause.)

## ADDRESS BY THE PRINCIPAL.

Principal Macvicar then delivered an address. He said:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—This is to us a day of joy and thankfulness. The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad. He hath led us by a way which we knew not; and now words but imperfectly express our gratitude to Him and to those whose hearts He has moved to carry on and extend this great work. It is surely fitting that we should for a moment recall the past. We cannot say the distant past, for it is only a few years since this institution was called into existence. The first meeting to consider the propriety of founding it was held in Terrace Bank at the invitation of the late Mr. John Redpath. Subsequent meetings were held in the house of the late Mr. John C. Becket, and the issue was that the matter was brought before the Presbytery of Montreal and through that reverend court before the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and under its direction and approval a charter was obtained in 1865. For two years after this there was nothing of the College but the charter—no endowment, no building, no library, no professors, no students. In the winter of 1867-68 the work of instruction was commenced by the Rev. Dr. Gregg, now of Knox College, Toronto, and the Rev. Wm. Anken, then of Smith's Falls, acting as lecturers. A little company of students gathered round them in the lecture rooms of Erskine Church, generously granted to the College Board free of expense. In the fall of 1868 I entered upon my duties as the first, and, for some time, the only Professor. We continued our growing work in Erskine Church till the winter of 1873, when the original college building was opened. During this period most valuable assistance was rendered in several departments by the Rev. Dr. Gibson, now of London, England, the Rev. Professor McLaren, now of Knox College, Toronto, and others acting as temporary lecturers. In 1873 the Rev. John Campbell, M.A., was appointed Professor of Church History and Apologetics; in 1880 the Rev. Daniel Cousirat, B.A., B.D., was appointed French Professor of Theology; in 1882 the Rev. John Scriver, M.A., was appointed Professor of Hebrew and Greek Exegesis, and the Rev. Wm. J. Dey, M.A., Dean of Residence. We have thus a regular staff of four professors of theology and a Dean of Residence, together with five special lecturers, viz., the Rev. A. B. Mackay, the Rev. Dr. MacNish and Messrs. A. C. Hutchison and J. McLaren—in all ten actively engaged in the work of instruction. Such has been the rapid growth of our teaching staff. And the increase of the number of those waiting upon our prelections has been equally satisfactory, so that to-day all the room generously provided for us is fully occupied, and found to be even too limited. Our stu-

dents are drawn from all parts of the Dominion, and in several instances from far beyond it. We have among them representatives of England, Scotland, Ireland, France and Switzerland. We have already sent into the service of the Church seventy-one ministers of Christ. These are found in all parts of our country, but many of them, as was anticipated at the time the College was instituted, are settled in the eastern parts of Ontario and in the Province of Quebec, while some are pioneer missionaries and pastors in Manitoba and the North-West. Our graduates, thus widely scattered, conduct services in English, French and Gache, and have uniformly shown themselves thoroughly loyal to their *Alma Mater*, and earnest and successful workers in the cause of our Divine Master. The growth of our library has been quite remarkable, as may be seen from the number and the value of the works we possess. Altogether the financial success achieved within the narrow territory allotted to us, and in the few years of our history, has been far beyond what was at first hoped for, so that we have now in buildings, library, scholarships and endowments about a quarter of a million dollars. In this large amount of Church property there are included many small sums, the liberal offerings of ministers, artisans, widows, and persons of all ranks, and for these gifts to the Lord's work we are profoundly grateful. But these alone would have been utterly insufficient; and, it is in the glory of our work as of the Church of God, that in it the rich and the poor meet together. The Lord has constrained those blessed with large resources to come to our aid; and hence we have the "John Redpath Chair" endowed to the amount of twenty thousand dollars by Mrs. Redpath, of Terrace Bank; and the "Joseph Mackay Chair" of fifty thousand dollars, endowed by Mr. Edward Mackay, together with the liberal bequest from the late Mr. Joseph Mackay. And now we have received from Mr. David Morrice this magnificent pile of buildings. Of their beauty, convenience and completeness it is unnecessary to speak. You see for yourselves this grand gift, in the possession of which we now gratefully rejoice. But our thing is pass from the gift to the giver. And it is right here to say that this is only a part and by no means the whole of what he has done for our college. He has been incessant in his vigilant activity in its behalf. Notwithstanding his numerous pressing occupations, public and private, he has cheerfully given it without stint of time, and thought, and money, and has more than once by his wise and inspiring words encouraged some of us when almost ready to turn away from what, at certain stages, was a most difficult enterprise. He has contributed largely to its current expenses, to its library and scholarships, and, what will prove of lasting and eminent benefit to the institution and the Church, he has found a travelling fellowship, I believe the first in Canada, of five hundred dollars, which sum will be paid from time to time to successful competitors to aid them in continuing special studies abroad after having completed their course with us. I may safely leave others on this platform to say how much the munificence of Mr. Morrice and of our other friends has already done, and is destined still to do, in stimulating Christian liberality and activity over our whole land and beyond it. In many letters that I have lately received from leading persons in all parts of our country this thought is expressed while the warmest congratulations are offered to us, and specially to our distinguished benefactor. And if we look from the past and the present into the future, what may we not hope and believe? I say believe, because this work has been to me and to those associated with me a work of faith and prayer, and God hath given it success. What mighty potencies lie concealed in the future in connection with the deed of gift of this afternoon. I shall not venture to forecast them, for I have already learned from experience that we usually project our plans on far too small a scale, and always expect far too little from our God and Saviour and from those of his people who are filled with all the fulness of God, and who have truly consecrated themselves and their substance to His service. I will only add that I believe it to be the determination of Mr. Morrice, and of all of us, God helping us, to leave nothing undone that is necessary to place this already strong institution in the very highest state of equipment and efficiency. It is meet, therefore, that I should thus publicly and in behalf of the Senate, the Board, the Faculty, the Graduates, and the Students express our heartfelt deepest gratitude to Mr. Morrice, and I join with him Mrs. Morrice and his family, whose hearts are one with his in every good work in which he is engaged.

#### ADDRESS FROM THE MODERATOR.

Rev. Dr. COCHRANE, Moderator of the General Assembly, was called upon for a speech. It had already been said that this was a day of great gladness. It was so not only to the professors, students and graduates, but also to the entire Presbyterian community of Montreal and neighbourhood, as this crowded assembly testified. It was a day of gladness to other students and to other colleges; yes, and to the representatives of other denominations; for we are all members of one body, and if one member be honoured the others rejoice with it. But speaking more particularly of the great Presbyterian Church, he did not hesitate to say that it has been placed under a heavy debt of obligation to Mr. Morrice; a debt which it can never repay. He admired the munificence and beauty of the gift, but far more the spirit which prompted it. He valued highly gifts that are left by will, but valued them much more when the donor becomes his own executor. That is exactly what Mr. Morrice has done. He has laid this noble offering on

the altar during his lifetime, when his eye is not dim, when he is not tottering on the brink of the grave. Gifts like this are exceptional in Canada. Hitherto we have turned our eyes in search of them to the United States. It was at Princeton, Andover, Union, Yale and Harvard we found them, and our Principals had been looking thither with envious eyes. (Laughter). Thank God! the time has at last come in Canada, and he ardently hoped the time would yet come when every General Assembly shall set on record such munificent donations from year to year. Let us pray for this. The College has had an eventful history. It is young but thoroughly equipped; in fact he might safely call it "the little giant of the east." He could testify, and was proud to do so, that in every case the students have maintained, have upheld the noble opinion obtained for them by the institution to which they belong. Its professors, —and he would say it with pride:—were all Canadian-trained, three of them in Knox College—if they had been trained in Queen's, of course it would have been all the same. (Laughter and applause.) Knox and Queen's were both equally noted for general efficiency and soundness of doctrine. ("Hear, hear," and laughter.) He would earnestly pray that the Spirit be poured out upon the professors and students, and trusted more and more good may be accomplished. He would venture to designate this as pre-eminently the "College Year." Two new professors have been appointed here in Montreal, and two in Queen's. A movement is on foot for the endowment of Knox and he was pleased to say that \$75,000 has already been raised. ("Hear! hear!" and loud applause.) The Presbyterian Church in Canada demands an educated ministry. She strongly holds that, other things being equal, the man who is possessed of scholarship is possessed of pulpit power. She insists upon this scholarship. The erection of the Morrice Hall most emphatically means that she is now able to provide men herself for every pulpit in the land. There is no longer any need of borrowing help from sister denominations nor of importing ministers from the old country. He would continually pray that Christian fathers and mothers may dedicate their sons to the ministry. Were there none bearing him who were willing to do so? Doubtless many fathers and mothers present were admiring the noble gift which had brought them together; but in the speaker's opinion it is far nobler to consecrate a single son to the work of God. We need earnest prayer that Christian parents may thus devote their sons to the ministry, and that those who go out from our colleges may be men sound in the faith, profound in scholarship, able exponents of God's Word, and baptized with Pentecostal fire. (Prolonged applause.)

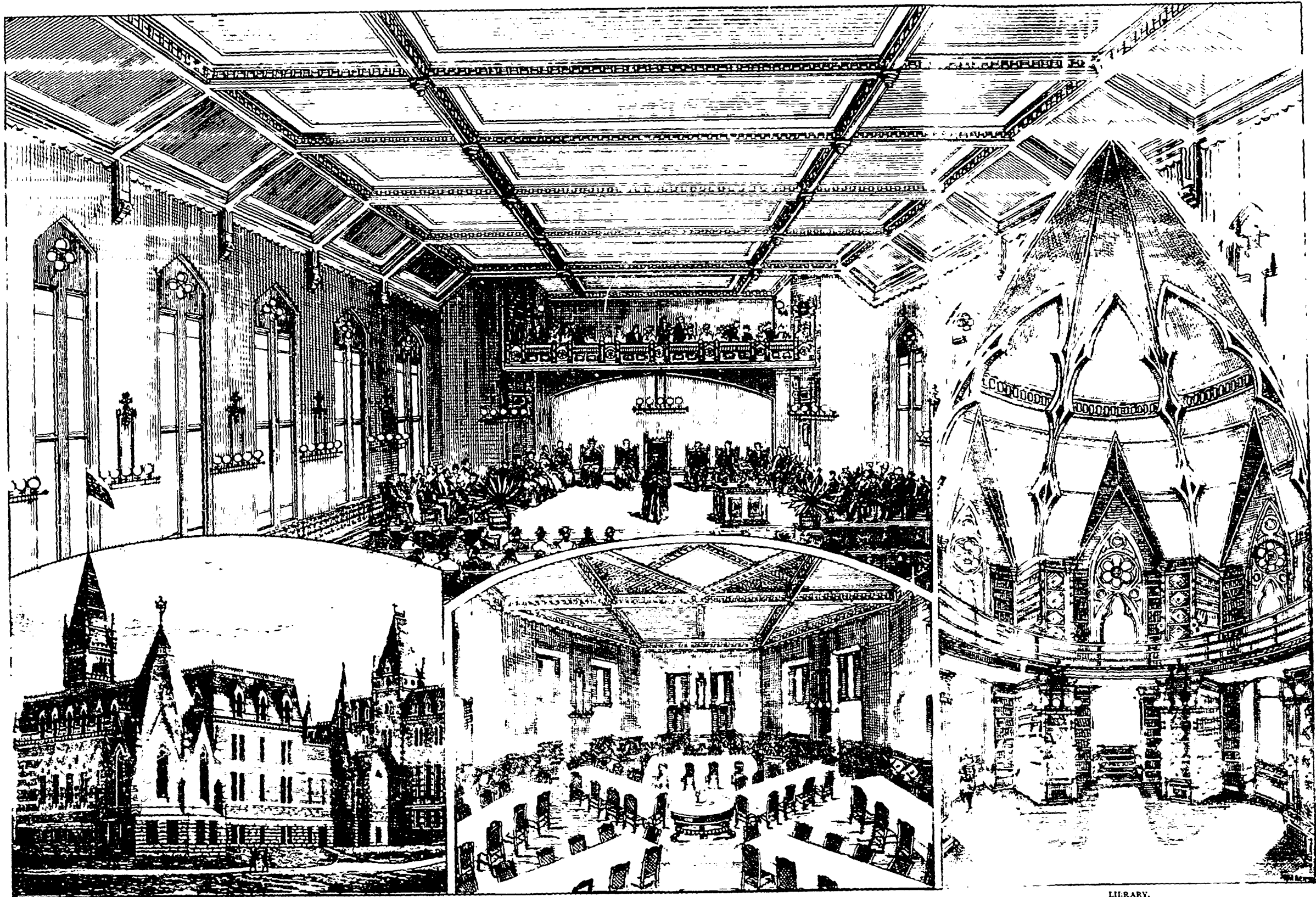
#### CONGRATULATORY LETTERS.

Principal MACVICAR announced that he had received letters congratulating the College and approving of Mr. Morrice's munificence from Principal McKnight, of Halifax; Principal Cook, Morris College, Quebec; Principal Bryce, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Dr. Reid, Toronto; Principal Castle and Dr. Macvicar, Macmaster Hall, Toronto; Right Rev. Bishop Bond, Montreal; Rev. Dean Baldwin, Montreal; Bishop Usher, Montreal; Rev. Dr. Hodge, Princeton; Hon. Sheriff McKellar, Hamilton; Mr. Donald Guthrie, Q.C., Guelph, and many ministers and influential laymen in all parts of the Dominion, Mr. Erastus Wiman, New York, and others.

#### THE ADDRESSES BY REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER COLLEGES. \*

Rev. Principal CAVEN, of Knox College, Toronto, said he was charged by Knox College with the very pleasing duty of conveying to the Presbyterian College in Montreal their congratulations upon this most auspicious occasion, and also to join with the members of the College here and its friends in thanksgiving to God for what He had done for them. There were special reasons, he said, why Knox College should be interested in the professors and students of the Montreal College, because two of the professors of the latter were old students of the former. The present occasion, he said, marked a new era in theological education. The place in which he and the chairman prosecuted their theological studies was very humble in comparison to this splendid hall, and yet he thought Dr. Macvicar would join him in saying that the men who taught them were not only good men, but eminent men—men whose names would live in the Presbyterian Church when they had all passed away. At the same time it was only right and proper that this department of the work of the Church should advance, and that there should be tokens of its advancement in some way in keeping with the general advancement of the Presbyterian Church. In Knox College they had now fully one hundred students studying theology exclusively, besides those in the arts course, preparing for the theological course. It was sometimes said that they had too many students in the present day, but he found that whilst the number of students in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in proportion to the size and necessities of the Church, was somewhat increasing, yet it was greatly below the Church of Scotland in Scotland, or the Free Church, or the United Presbyterian Church, or the great Church south of the lines, and that in Canada the Presbyterian Church had not too many students; in fact, she had not enough students. The students were not only needed to supply the pulpits of the ministers who have passed away, but also to carry the

\* From this point, we are largely indebted to the reports printed in the daily papers, and especially in the *Witness*, and *Herald*.



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MONTREAL.—THE OPENING OF THE DAVID MORRILL HALL, AT THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, NOVEMBER 28, 1882.

blessed Gospel into the Northwest, and to take their part in the Christian work of evangelizing the world. On behalf of the Presbyterians in the West, he wished to say how much they admired and how much they loved that most eminent member of the Church who had done the great thing which they were now celebrating. Mr. Morrice, he said, had not only done an act of Christian benevolence, but an act for which the whole Presbyterian Church and the Church of Christ in this country were under deep obligation to him. He referred to the large bequests made to the Presbyterian Church by Mr. Hall, of Peterborough, and also to the benefactions of Mr. Redpath and Mr. Mackay, and said these were living examples to the wealthy men of the Church to go and do likewise. He had often wished that they had men in Toronto like those in Montreal. He would say this in confidence, as he did not wish the people of Toronto to know it. (Laughter.) He concluded by expressing the hope that in the Montreal College might be trained great and good men to labor in the Lord's vineyard.

Rev. Principal GRANT, of Queen's College, Kingston, said he brought the hearty congratulations and greetings of Queen's University and College. They rejoiced with us as Canadians and as churchmen, because the present occasion proved that the people of the Dominion were merging into the higher forms of thinking and living. He referred to a visit which he paid to the old country last year and to his visit to a large and a small city—the first Liverpool, with her forests of ships, miles of streets, and active bustle of business, and the second Cambridge, the seat of learning,—and said that England could better spare a dozen Liverpools than one Cambridge, every one of her eighteen colleges filled with memories that the world will not let die, and which was enough of itself to encourage and glorify an empire. Every patriotic Canadian would rejoice to see the signs during the last ten years, from east to west, of an improvement in Canada in this regard, and every Canadian should feel proud of the gift which had been given to the Montreal Presbyterian College. As churchmen they should rejoice in the work that was being done educationally by the Presbyterian Church, which he looked upon as one of the fruits of the union which was consummated seven years ago. He said that while they should be devoutly thankful that God put it into the heart of Mr. Morrice to make this princely gift, they should not forget that there were scores and hundreds of men and women in the Church who gave five, ten or one hundred dollars, who were making just as great a sacrifice as he. The students, he said, should also rejoice that God had cast their lot in this age and in a country such as this. It was a grand thing to be connected with this work, which would tell throughout the ages, and he hoped that the Montreal College would send out in my great and good men to do their share of the work in the Church of Christ.

Principal DAWSON, of McGill University, who was referred to by the Chairman as a man whose name would always live in Canada and beyond it, was the next speaker. He said he had very much pleasure, on behalf of McGill University, in congratulating them upon this culmination, in so far as the buildings were concerned, of the work in which they had been engaged for fourteen years, and instead of thanking Mr. Morrice—he would congratulate him on putting his name in that great and worthy family whose names were dear to the friends of education on account of their benefactions in the past. Speaking of the relation of McGill University to these affiliated colleges, he said that ever since its organization it had been felt that, while it had established a Faculty of Arts and professional faculties of various kinds, it could not efficiently carry on its work without theological colleges. But they could not have a theological course in connection with a non-sectarian institution like McGill University, and so the idea was originated of having affiliated theological schools, and the first body to respond was the Congregational Church; then came the Presbyterian College, and afterwards the Diocesan and Wesleyan Theological Colleges, making four altogether. Every one of these colleges, he thought, had been a great success; they were all growing, and already three were provided with excellent and suitable buildings, and the fourth was very soon going to be provided for in that way. It might be thought that they had too many theological colleges and too many students for such a small Protestant community as there was in the Province of Quebec at the present time, but they must bear in mind that the Protestant population in this province was a very special population, and had special wants which could not be supplied in any other way. He rejoiced to know that the endowment of Mr. James McGill, and the other endowments that had been added to it had very much to do with the establishment of the Theological Colleges in Montreal, and the success of these colleges was under God in the hands of the citizens of Montreal.

The CHAIRMAN announced that the Rev. Principal Douglas, of the Wesleyan College, who was to have addressed them, was unable to be present, but he sent a letter in which he expressed his warmest congratulations and his high appreciations of the gift of Mr. Morrice.

Rev. Principal HENDERSON said there was abundant cause for congratulation on this occasion, as well on the erection of this building, so noble, so costly, so conspicuous, so admirably adapted for the purpose for which it was erected, as on account of the power of the Holy Spirit. He regarded it as an evidence of the power of the Holy Ghost amongst them. It also afforded an example of the inestimable value of the Christian faith to the donor of this building. Just in proportion as they entertained true ideas regarding the Christian faith, just in the same pro-

portion would they be disposed to regard less and less the gift of such munificent offerings, and they would be more and more ready to surrender themselves and all that they had to the honour and glory of that God who had created them by His word and had redeemed them by His own most precious faith. He concluded by expressing the hope that many might be led to follow in the footsteps of the donor, and that there might be many instances of this kind.

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**NOTICE.—Presbytery of Montreal.**

Candidates for License applying to this Presbytery at its meeting in April next will be examined as follows, viz:—

- 1.—In Latin, Augustine's Confessions, Fifth Book.
- 2.—In Greek, the Gospel according to Luke.
- 3.—In Hebrew, Genesis, Chapter 17th; Psalm 22nd, and Isaiah, Chapter 63rd.
- 4.—In Philosophy, on basis of Murray's Outline of Sir William Hamilton's Philosophy, and Calderwood's Handbook of Moral Philosophy; French students will be examined in Philosophy on the basis Follisier's Compendium of Elementary Philosophy.
- 5.—In Systematic Theology.
- 6.—In Personal Religion.

The requisite certificates will be called for, and the examination conducted in writing.

**JAMES WATSON,**  
Governor of Presbytery's Examining Committee.

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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 WILKES, 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 choicest and beautiful withal costly 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 new givers are required. 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. DeZouche & 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.

#### II.

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

have taken possession of a land ready at any moment to yield up its vast, yet hidden treasures into the hand of industry. Add to this the fact that the country is largely Presbyterian in population. We have thus a combination of favorable circumstances rarely to be found. It is precisely this feature which should give Home Mission Work a place in the Presbyterian Church equal, if not superior, to that occupied by any other scheme.

It is very pleasing to record that our own Church has been among the first, if not the very first, to recognize and seize her opportunities in this new field. The foothold already gained and the prestige acquired, have been due, in no small degree, to the appointment of a Superintendent of Missions. Only in this way could the ever-increasing religious wants of the people be attended to as they have been. It is needless to say that much remains yet to be done. The Church has hardly advanced beyond the threshold of the great field ever widening its limits. It is absurd to assume that the wants of the North-West have been supplied. At the present time several very important stations are lying vacant; and not only so, but if the past is of any value as an index of the future, there is no doubt that next spring will witness an influx of people northwards, far exceeding in numbers anything of the kind that has yet taken place, marvellous as it has been. We can anticipate what will be required then. It will be necessary to have a cordon of mission posts extending at least six hundred miles west of Winnipeg, in the vicinity of the railway. Unless something like this is done, many adherents of our Church will be alienated from her, or at least, they will lapse into a woeful state of degeneracy. To accomplish what is needed men and means are required. As students we can find no more promising field in which to engage during the summer, than in the North-West. Young men free from encumbrances, endowed with a physical energy equal to the performance of arduous tasks, fired with an enthusiasm which nothing can damp, gifted with a happy capacity of coolly accepting the situation—such a class is called for. Every student should be able to fulfil these conditions. Whoever undertakes Mission Work in the North-West—and we hope there may be many a one from this college—need not expect to find at all times the most congenial society. To his mind the poet Chaucer's description of the Parson, will recur, "Wyd was his parisch and the houses fer asondur." It is quite possible he may not be made the recipient of a well-filled purse when he is about to leave. Yet he will see many phases of life not found within the precincts of a college; he will gain an experience of great value in after life; he will get some conception of the vastness of our Mission field and the work which the Church is called on to perform. Last, but not least, he will return to the college halls refreshed and invigorated, with a most conscious sense of superiority over his companions who have been content to achieve their triumphs nearer home. A. S.

## Jehovah's Jewels.

"We must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again."—2 Samuel, xiv : 14.

"They shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels."—Malachi, iii : 17.

When night was dark and stars were clear,  
A dew drop nestled in a rose,  
Which loved to yield a sweet repose,  
Nor ever dreamed that grief was near.

But through the vale with fearful sound,  
A cold wind swept in cruel quest,  
It snatched my treasure from my breast  
And dashed it, useless, to the ground.

Oh aching heart! Oh voiceless pain!  
I groan, I bow my weary head  
Above the dust where lies my dead,  
Ne'er to be gathered up again.

Yet as I mourn, a still small voice  
Steals to my heart, and makes it swell  
With hope that all shall yet be well,  
That though I weep, I may rejoice.

It whispers, "What though wet weeds twine,  
"And night winds sigh around the grave,  
"Remember, Jesus came to save,  
"The night must pass, the morn must shine.

"Soon shall thy Sun's all powerful beam  
"Break through the night, and pierce the tomb  
"Where rest His jewels, wrapp'd in gloom,  
"Death's worthless dust, as mortals deem.

"Twill bear them up on golden wing,  
"To gem the diadem divine,  
"For, 'They are mine and they shall shine  
"My jewels,' saith their Heavenly King."

A. B. MACKAY.

## J. H. S.

### A CHRISTMAS REVERIE.

The light was fading in the sacred courts,  
And ghost-like shadows from the gathering night  
Went sweeping through the aisles. I sat me down  
Before the altar rich in cunning work,  
And read the gilded symbols which declare  
That Jesus is the Saviour of mankind.  
The darkness came, and like a far-off scene  
Dimly discovered through the misty air,  
The solemn organ rose amid the gloom  
Which fast enshrouded all the wide expanse.  
Yet still, as if by some fair seraph's hand  
Touched with a living fire, the mystic signs  
Grew brighter.

In the snowy streets without  
Hunger and Want wended their toilsome way,  
And shiv'ring, sought a momentary rest  
From the rude wintry blast; and blackened Vice  
In forms Protean sped to deeds of sin,  
Or hurried from the vengeful Nemesis  
Which ever crossed its path with gleaming sword.  
From casement windows fell a stream of light  
Upon each passing traveller, and the shout  
Of merry laughter echoed through the halls  
In joyous holiday.



Within the church  
 These earthly sounds scarce broke the silent calm ;  
 And other thoughts poured in upon my soul  
 Like music, as those golden characters  
 Beamed down upon me like an evening star.  
 I felt the peace of that Judean night,  
 When in the sky the glory of the Lord  
 Shone round about the shepherds ; and I heard,  
 Or so it seemed, the sweet-voiced angel choir  
 Which sang the joyous psalm of a world.  
 The murmur of that tide of harmony  
 Adown the ages, fell upon my ear :—  
 "To you is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord."  
 And as again the wave of human care  
 O'erflowing, rolled in currents through the aisles,  
 And like a dreary sigh, borne on the wind,  
 Struck the glad anthem of my grateful heart,  
 And joined it to a sorrowful refrain,  
 I wondered why the echo of that song  
 Which I had seemed to hear within the church,  
 Did not make music in those other souls  
 All desolate and sad.

And as I mused  
 Methought an angel touched me with his wing,  
 And taught me how that Christ must save the soul  
 Through faith, and how our impious, rebel pride  
 Would fain, like Herod, slay the infant King  
 Because He is the Saviour of mankind !  
 And as I listened to the strange, sad tale,  
 And still beheld the solemn darkness, even  
 By those bright signs of flame, which ever grew  
 To fuller lustre in the deepening night,  
 With reverent lips I breathed a silent prayer :—  
 "O Son of man, the meaning of whose work  
 Burns full upon me from this radiant glow  
 Amid the darkness ; be the Light of all  
 Through the overmastering gloom of woe and sin,  
 Subdue the evil which with serpent's guile  
 Lurks in our hearts, and guide our trembling feet,  
 Dear, tender Shepherd of the erring fold,  
 Beyond all signs which but distort the gaze,  
 To the strong refuge of Thy loving arms,  
 O make perpetual Christmas in our lives  
 By thine indwelling there."

W. T. H.

### Monday Lectures.

ON Nov. 13th, Rev. Prof. Scrimger, M.A., addressed the students on the "Government of the Tongue."

The Professor remarked that the two great powers of a Minister were *character* and *word*. The Minister's character must commend itself to all, it must be without reproach, commending itself to his own conscience.

His other instrument is the words he utters. Two things are necessary in the government of the tongue. (1) To know what to say. (2) To know what not to say. Regarding the first, he did not consider it necessary to speak, as their whole College course had this in view. In reference to the second, several particulars were embraced.

(1) *The Minister ought not to utter any unsound doctrine.* He should speak the truth. There are subtle temptations in this direction. A Minister is not apt to say what he does not believe, but he may by innuendoes or hints, imply that he is a little independent. Men become interested in a preacher who has independent views, but those who are attracted in this way will not remain long attached to him.

(2) *Avoid giving expression publicly to doubts about the doctrines of the Church.* Good men have doubts, but it does not follow that they should publish them. Doubt never strengthens the Ministry. It unsettles the beliefs of the hearers.

(3) *Avoid bad grammar.* As educated men, Ministers should be beyond the possibility of speaking ungrammatically. The Professor proceeded to give illustrations of errors that are commonly made.

(4) *Avoid vulgarisms.* This point was illustrated by giving examples of common vulgar expressions, the use of which tends to bring a Minister into contempt.

(5) *Avoid all buffoonery.* The Minister is not a clown. A Minister who habitually indulges in buffoonery, degrades his office. People will never forget a vulgar story. The appearance of the narrator will always suggest it to them.

(6) *Avoid gossip.* In Ministerial work, there is great danger of sinning in this direction. Many destroy their usefulness by making personal statements about their parishioners. A Minister should discourage it among the people and pay no attention to it himself. There are cases where stringent methods may be necessary in dealing with this matter. It is well at times to hold men to their statements and offer to investigate the charges they may make.

(7) *Avoid scolding from the pulpit.* There is a tendency to fall into this habit in making announcements—the prayer meeting may not be well attended, collections are often small. In such cases it is better to present motives to the people for doing all things well. Keep them well informed on all church matters and scolding will be unnecessary.

(8) *Avoid all angry words.* The Minister should keep close watch over his temper. Nothing produces such terrible results as a flow of angry words. Let the conduct of Moses, who forfeited the life-long desire of his heart, be a warning to all.

MONDAY, NOV. 20th : The students were addressed by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins. His remarks were characterized by grace of diction and eloquence for which the venerable Doctor is remarkable. He said that he intended to speak on a subject that is too much neglected in our Universities and Theological Seminaries, and one which was not sufficiently pressed upon the attention of students. He took for granted that he was addressing those who looked forward to the pulpit as their sphere or labour for life, those who were to be teachers of religion and morals, and those who were to mould the hearts and lives of men. Yet intellectual culture, knowledge of literature and elegance of style will not make an effective minister. A man may be able to write a discourse fit for a Seraph's tongue, while he may utterly fail in delivering it, simply by neglecting *to open his mouth*. What is learning? what is clearness and grace of style in a sermon, unless the preacher can *articulate* distinctly? His work is to herald forth the message of salvation to the people, but this can be done only by effective utterance.

Students are apt to suppose that they can be effective speakers without studying elocution. It is a mistake. No man ever attained to eminence as a speaker without toil. Labour is genius. Do not think it too much trouble to read a chapter or hymn ten or twelve times before you attempt to read it in public. Hours should be spent in declaiming your sermon before you preach it to the congregation.

The student, amid the multifarious studies of his college course, cannot expect to acquire much more than the general principles of elocution, but after he has left these halls he should continue to practise this *art*, and success will crown his efforts. In course of the meeting, at the request of the Principal, the Doctor expressed his opinion on writing sermons. He said that he approved of always

writing, for these two reasons—first, that no man can acquire what may properly be called a *style* without writing, and, secondly, because the minister who does not thus store away knowledge becomes, in old age, a drivelling old man.

On Monday, Nov. 27th, Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, delivered an address to the students on the subject of the Practical Side of the Christian Ministry. The substance is given in the following:

Besides the three things—Piety, Scholarship and Pulpit Power—which are necessary for success in the Christian Ministry, there is a fourth, and that is Practical Knowledge in the affairs of every-day life. When this is absent the want of it confronts us on every side. A minister should be able not only to study and preach and pray, but also to adapt himself to the peculiarities and circumstances of individuals. He should learn how to sympathize with, and counsel and comfort men in the different spheres of life, or, in a word, should try to be a man among men.

Of what present use is a physician, however accurate and extensive his learning may be, who cannot bind up the wound of that man bleeding to death there by the roadside? How much more useful that minister of the gospel would be if, when out of the pulpit, he could only apply the remedy to the souls he sees around him suffering from the influence of the world, the flesh and the devil. The instances are too numerous of ministers who are almost useless when dealing with individual cases, although they can analyze the human soul and are acquainted with the laws that govern it and can sway their audience when they preach. But how, you ask, is this experience and skill to be acquired? Each man must get it for himself by bringing his mind into contact with the minds of others, and his heart with the hearts of others. But how can he do this? By mingling with men and conversing with men about their interests, and their joys and their sorrows, and by observing their words and actions and searching out the spirit or motive that prompts such. He will thus get an insight into the human heart—his own included. He should learn to put himself in his brother's place, and he will know how to sympathize with, and counsel and comfort him as a christian minister should. A minister's sympathy with his people and theirs with him form a two-fold bond of great strength.

Theological students often regret that they did not begin their studies sooner. This is a mistake; for it would be far better for their success had they spent some years in contact with men in the more practical spheres of life. The experience and tact thus gained would be of incalculable value all through life. The minister would then know how to sympathize and deal with such men.

The student should also learn to interest himself in the general work of the church throughout the country. He should acquaint himself with all that relates to it and has been the means of exalting it to its present position of usefulness. Why is church work in the hands of the few? Because the many sit on the fence with their hands folded, hardly caring even to look on. Many ministers fail in this respect. There are many congregations, probably, that will not know about the David Morrice Hall for a year or two through their minister's disinterestedness.

Young ministers should not seek for a city charge at first, because it will be too great a strain on mind and body, with its long train of secular affairs connected with it. The best and most profitable place for a young man is a quiet country charge, or else the mission field. The mission field is especially advantageous, because one meets with so many different sorts of people. Here he can have time to study the human heart. Dr. Chalmers spent several years when a young man in a quiet country place in Scotland, where he disciplined his mind by quiet study, and his heart by contact with the humbler members of his parish. He thus fitted himself for the loftier positions he afterward filled. The most useful and successful man in any profession is he who learns to use his knowledge by beginning with the humblest place and working upward and onward.

Above all let your lives be consistent. Let it not be said of you "we lose our minister in the wordly man, when he leaves the pulpit." Be Christ's always and in all circumstances.

### Our Local Note Book.

WE are glad that an effort is being made to organize a Glee Club. Whoever has heard the spontaneous bursts of song that nightly ring through halls and corridors, must admit that it is a step in the right direction. There are many in the College whose musical potencies might be evolved in a way at once appreciable by the public and advantageous to the students themselves.

THE removal of the books into the new Library has been effected. It was a novel sight to see many a curious tome rudely dragged from its recess and hurried away to better quarters. The work was not one of great magnitude. It is more apparent than before that we have only the nucleus of a good library. Every visitor must be struck with the rows of shelves lying blank and inviting something to adorn them. Who will be the first to do something towards filling up the gaping void?

WE regret to learn that W. T. Herridge, B.A., is suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis. We trust that he will soon be able to resume work.

W. T. GEMES has been obliged, through the illness of a relative, to take up his quarters in the city and immerse himself in the cares of business. We hope the latter will not be so pressing as to defeat his intention to take his final examination next spring.

WE have to acknowledge the receipt of a fine collection of Christmas and New Year cards, kindly sent to us by the firm of James Campbell & Co., Toronto. They are designed in a pleasing style, representing scenes peculiar to several phases of Canadian life, with appropriate poetical selections.

A. LEE has been appointed to the charge of the Victoria Mission, Forfar Street. He has entered on the work with his usual vigor.

WE are pleased to hear that our old friend H. W. Barber, is carrying on a booming business as a woollen

manufacturer in Merriton. In him our College has a good friend.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Rev. Wm. Armstrong, Ottawa, a few days ago. May his calls not be few and far between.

THE friends of Knox College must be encouraged by the success which has so far attended their appeal. Already \$75,000, have been subscribed towards the Endowment Fund.

EVERYBODY who has frequently mounted the stairway to the Morrice Hall, must have experienced, at times, a groping sensation, in a certain stage of the passage. Only recently, one of our hilarious theologues ran into collision at this point with a reverend divine, and supposing him to be a comrade, gave a cordial greeting. Failing to receive any response, our friend proceeded to enforce it. The mistake was discovered in time to prevent an action for assault.

N. WADDELL has been compelled, by ill-health, to discontinue his studies in the Literary Department. He has gone home and will not return until after Christmas.

THE benign countenances of the four Evangelists beam on us from the handsome window at the end of the Hall. The four Poets have evidently withdrawn their presence to some more congenial atmosphere. The Muses must not think that their claims to recognition have been altogether discarded.

OUR respected Dean has taken possession of his new quarters, with his wife and family. We sincerely hope that they will find life enjoyable in their new surroundings, and that they will also be happily oblivious of any rude noises in the houses of their neighbors, especially in the rooms above.

THE McGill College authorities are making elaborate preparations to have everything in readiness for the approaching Transit of Venus. We hope their sanguine expectations may not be "clouded."

COULD not some more suitable means be adopted to distribute the College mail, than at present prevails? Would it not be better to have all letters and papers exposed to view in some one conspicuous place, rather than find them wedged in between the knob and the door?

EVERY student should attend the lectures on the Geology of the Bible Lands, now being delivered by Principal Dawson, every Wednesday afternoon, in the Redpath Museum. These lectures cannot fail to be instructive, presenting as they do the latest facts which science has to present on the subject. Large audiences have, so far, been present at each delivery.

### Our Graduates.

THE opening of the new Hall enabled us to get a glimpse of a few of our graduates. But we confess to a feeling of disappointment that they have not

lingered, and prolonged their stay. Possibly the pathetic reminiscences, which the new state of things recalls, may have proved too overwhelming for them. We have had great difficulty in gaining any facts as to our graduates. We must ask for communications under this head, and will cheerfully receive such.

REV. T. A. NELSON, of Dunbar, preached in St. Joseph Street Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Nov. 19th. He is meeting with abundant success in his present charge, and displays the true missionary spirit.

REV. P. R. ROSS, of Cote des Neiges, has received a unanimous call to Georgetown and Limehouse, Ont. We have not heard whether he has yet signified his intention to proceed westward.

REV. J. R. MACLEOD, Kingsbury, Que., has refused the superintendency of the Muskoka Mission district.

REV. J. A. MORRISON, '82, has, we believe, been ordained to the charge of Sault Ste. Marie. We wish him every success in his new sphere.

AMONG the graduates present at the opening ceremonies, we observed Rev. Messrs. MacRae, Bayne, Torrance, Watt, MacKay, Hyde, Allard, Amaron and Bouchard.

### Our Exchange Table.

AFTER a long slumber, the *McGill University Gazette* has once more awoken to a new life. The first number, which was issued last month, though necessarily showing evidences of hasty preparation, is full of varied and interesting college news. The opening article admirably sets forth the aims of the *Gazette*. If they are steadfastly carried out, we can safely predict a long lease of life for our contemporary. The mention of Lyly disarms all criticism. We welcome this new addition to our exchanges, and hope its influence will be seen, as well in the fostering of an *esprit de corps* among the students and graduates of the various Faculties as in the discussion of questions cropping up even now in the University.

THE *Varsity*, by its improved tone, shows the touch of new and abler hands. The editorials are well chosen and carefully treated. The "Five O'clock Tea" is rather insipid and might well be omitted or replaced by some better beverage.

A WRITER in a late number of the *Presbyterian Witness* has a favourable notice of our College, and justly pays a high compliment to the perseverance of the Principal in carrying out his projects to a successful issue.

THE last number of the *Queen's College Journal* is replete with a whole host of articles ranging from the heights of Spencerian philosophy to the depths of Freshman iniquity. The able address of the newly installed Professor of Physics is given in full.

We have received the following exchanges in addition to the above:—*The Portfolio, Acta Victoriana, King's College Record, Rouge et Noir, School Examiner, Educa-*

*tional Record, The Adelpian, College Mercury, College Record, Alma Mater, The Collegian, Index and Chronicle, Hesperian Student, The Beacon, The Illini, The Eclipse, The Protestant Pillar, K. M. J. News.*

### Book Review.

RECEIVED "Our Heritage," a sermon delivered on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 9th, 1882, by the Rev. C. B. Pitblado, Pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, published by W. D. Russell, Bookseller, Winnipeg. The sermon gives an eloquent description of the resources and extent of the "great discovery of the 19th century," touches on the policy needed for the welfare of the country, takes a good stand against the pernicious liquor traffic, and is pervaded by a spirit of patriotic love for the land which the rev. gentleman has made his home. It is an address that would be valuable for distribution among intending settlers in the great North-West.

THE *Confession of Faith* with introduction, by Rev. R. Campbell, M.A., of Montreal, Wm. Drysdale & Co. This is a cheap edition of the *Confession of Faith*. The small price places it in reach of everyone who wishes to gain a true appreciation of the principles of the Presbyterian Church.

### Society Notes.

THE Students' Missionary Society held its first regular meeting for this Session on Friday evening, November 10th.

Encouraging reports from Messrs. Currie, Fraser and McKay, missionaries for the Society during the summer, were heard. Mr. A. Currie labored in the mission of Megantic and Chaudiere. Chaudiere is a village of about 500 inhabitants, seventy miles from the city of Sherbrooke, Que. The people are chiefly French-Canadians and Highland Scotch. The average attendance at Church was about thirty-five, and at Sabbath-School fifteen. The sum of \$130 was raised by the field towards the missionary's salary. When Mr. Currie left the field the Presbytery of Quebec sent a missionary to labor there for the winter months.

Mr. Fraser labored in Meadow Lea, Manitoba. This mission covers an area of 35 x 10 miles, in which there are five mission stations, being distant from Winnipeg forty miles. The attendance at Church was very good, considering the population of the field; the Sabbath-school averaged about twenty. Amount subscribed by the mission was \$170. Mr. Fraser did good work, as was testified by Rev. Mr. Robertson, superintendent of missions in Manitoba and the North-West. The field is being supplied by students from Winnipeg College during the winter.

Mr. McKay labored in the mission of Massawippi, Richby and Coaticook. This mission has been worked by the Society for six years. Mr. McKay reports that

this field was erected by the Presbytery of Quebec into a congregation last summer, and that the people expect to call a settled minister soon. The sum of \$271 was raised by the field; this increased contribution shows that Mr. McKay's labors were highly satisfactory to the people.

Reports of the several committees appointed to ask aid from our city churches were heard. Nearly all the churches promise as liberal subscriptions as possible at an early date. The corresponding secretary read a communication from Rev. R. Campbell, M.A., on behalf of the Pres. of Lanark and Renfrew, asking the Society to work the mission field of Quyon and Eardley, in County Pontiac, Que. After considerable deliberation it was unanimously resolved to undertake the working of this field.

The Society will send a student every two weeks during this session to these stations, and will begin work in January, 1883.

THE third regular meeting of the Philosophical and Literary Society, was held on Friday evening, Nov. 17th.

The President, Mr. W. T. Herridge, B.A., read an essay on the subject "Peace of Conscience," which was well worthy of the hearty applause it elicited.

Mr. S. Rondeau, who took the prize for French Reading, last Spring, reflected much credit on himself, by the giving of a reading entitled "Les Mondes," one of the compositions of our celebrated Canadian poet, Lemay.

Then came a debate on the subject, "Resolved that Capital Punishment should be Abolished." Messrs R. McNabb, B.A., and R. McKnight, B.A. spoke on the affirmative, and Messrs D. G. Cameron and J. W. McKenzie, B.A. on the negative.

On vote being taken, the affirmative was declared victorious.

Much business of importance was transacted, one item being the appointment of a Committee to organize a Glee Club.

THE fourth regular meeting of the Philosophical and Literary Society was held on the evening of Friday, Dec. 1st. Ten new names were added to the roll. The Society was highly favored with an essay by Mr. C. McKerchar on "Scotland and its people." Mr. H. Ross gave a reading entitled "The poetry of the Bible," which was commended by hearty applause. The debate was unusually interesting, the subject being "Resolved that a settled pastorate is preferable to itinerancy." Mr. E. Seylaz leading the affirmative, and Mr. D. Mackay, B. A., the negative; then followed Messrs. D. G. Cameron, J. W. McKenzie, B.A., C. McKerchar, A. Scrimger and J. A. McFarlane. Vote was given in favor of the affirmative. It was decided to have a public debate on the first Friday of February, 1883.

## Coin des Lecteurs de Langue Française.

## ENCORE UN!

SANS prétendre être prophète, il est permis, n'est-ce pas, de parler des signes des temps. Il n'est pas nécessaire pour cela de plonger le regard dans les profondeurs insondables de l'avenir. Non pas qu'il soit permis de fermer les yeux quand il s'agit de parler du présent. Au contraire, il faut les ouvrir plus grands que jamais. Il faut bien observer ce qui se passe autour de soi, si l'on veut être en mesure d'en parler d'une manière précise. Plus on a le coup d'œil juste et plus aussi les observations sont exactes. Si je me permets de soumettre aux lecteurs du "Journal" un des résultats de mon observation, ce n'est pas parce que je prétends avoir bien observé. C'est plutôt pour servir d'éclaircissement à ceux qui voudraient faire une plus ample reconnaissance dans le domaine que je vais parcourir à la hâte. Je veux parler du progrès que fait, chez nos jeunes gens protestants français, le désir de poursuivre des études universitaires.

Les amis de notre jeunesse canadienne seront bien aises de constater qu'il y a progrès ici comme ailleurs.

Depuis une dizaine d'années, on a réalisé plus que jamais la nécessité de faire des études solides qui permettent à celui qui les fait de se rendre doublement utile aussi bien à lui-même qu'à ses semblables. Il y a cinq ans, un canadien-français protestant terminait ses études à la faculté des arts du collège McGill. Il obtenait avec son baccalauréat une médaille d'or offerte en concours aux étudiants en philosophie. L'université McGill, pour la première fois dans son histoire, posait une couronne de lauriers sur le front d'un canadien-français protestant. C'était une chose qui ne s'était jamais vue, un exploit que le plus hardi des audacieux n'osait contempler, crainte d'avoir le vertige. Cependant on se familiarise avec les phénomènes les plus extraordinaires, pourvu qu'on les ait constamment sous les yeux. C'est ce qui arriva. D'autres jeunes gens, après être revenus de leur étonnement, prirent la résolution d'imiter ce qui avait été si bien fait. Ce précédent eut donc d'heureux imitateurs, si bien qu'aujourd'hui l'université McGill compte quinze canadiens-français protestants au nombre de ses bacheliers. Sept d'entre eux ont obtenu des médailles d'or. Il paraît qu'on ne veut pas s'en tenir là. Le nombre des aspirants aux grades universitaires augmente au lieu de diminuer.

Il y a en ce moment au collège McGill onze étudiants canadiens-français protestants.

Si l'on considère les désavantages contre lesquels la plupart de ces jeunes gens ont à lutter, les obstacles et les découragements qu'ils trouvent sur leur route, on restera convaincu que leurs efforts méritent d'être plus encouragés, qu'ils ne le sont.

Les difficultés à surmonter sont nombreuses. Il suffira d'en mentionner deux ou trois pour qu'on devine les autres.

Plusieurs ont à lutter contre la pauvreté; tous ont à étudier dans une langue qu'ils ne connaissent d'abord qu'à peine. Se mettre vaillamment à l'étude de l'anglais et maîtriser cette langue serait pour l'étudiant un travail comparativement facile. Mais il y a d'autres difficultés, qui, si elles n'obscurcissent pas les règles qui gouvernent l'emploi de *shall* et de *will* ne sont pas moins une source de découragement.

Il y a des personnes qui, n'ayant pas encore saisi le but que se propose l'étudiant, se font comme un devoir de remplir auprès de lui le rôle de l'esclave de Scipion, et lui répètent sans cesse ces mots: *Vous manquez de patriotisme. Vous apprenez l'anglais et vous oubliez votre langue. Vous manquez d'amour pour la littérature française. Vous négligez l'étude des grands maîtres français.* D'un autre côté, certains anglais qui ne respirent que mépris et dédain pour tout ce qui est français, refusent de lui prêter leur sympathie. Serait-ce parce qu'il voit venir un concurrent redoutable dans la personne du Canadien que le Saxon lui fait froide mine? Quoiqu'il en soit cette conduite ne laisse pas d'attrister quelque peu celui qui en est l'objet.

"Il est triste que souvent pour être bon patriote on soit l'ennemi du reste des hommes," a dit un écrivain.

On pourrait en dire presque autant de l'étudiant français en changeant les rôles. Il est triste que souvent pour vouloir faire son chemin dans le monde, le reste des hommes deviennent ses ennemis.

Que l'étudiant qui a réussi à surmonter toutes les difficultés, à renverser tous les obstacles qui le séparaient de son but, ne perde pas courage en passant dans la sphère utile de la vie pratique. Que la persévérance et l'intrépidité qui ont caractérisé son passage au collège ne l'abandonnent point! Qu'il poursuive le chemin de la vie active avec le même tact, le même courage, la même fidélité, et bientôt le protestantisme canadien-français aura dans son sein des hommes dont l'influence sera profonde et durable.

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