

pounder of the Word of God. During the period of its existence there were twenty-six students who completed their theological studies in the Institute of the United Presbyterian Church; the number of graduates in Knox College till the time of the Union was eighty-six.

As already mentioned, Dr. Burns and Professor Young tendered their resignations in 1864, and Dr. Willis now remained the sole stated professor. In this emergency temporary arrangements were made by the appointment of Lecturers in Exegetics, Evidences and Church History. One of the lecturers, the Rev. William Caven (now Principal Caven) was, in 1866, appointed Professor of Exegetical Theology, in connection with which were assigned to him the departments of Biblical Criticism and Evidences. In 1867 the Rev. J. J. Proudfoot (now Dr. Proudfoot) was appointed to the position he still occupies as lecturer in Homiletics, Pastoral Theology and Church Government.

For several years the subject of establishing a theological college in Montreal occupied the attention of the Synod, and its establishment having been judged expedient, the Montreal Presbyterian College was opened in 1867, since which time it has grown to be one of the chief theological seminaries in the country. Massive and costly buildings have been erected. The sum of \$160,000 has already been obtained as an endowment fund. Lectures are delivered in English and in French. The college is affiliated with McGill University, and has the power of granting degrees in Divinity. Since its commencement, 124 students have completed their theological course within its walls. Most of those are now ministers and missionaries in this and in foreign lands. A goodly number being of French Canadian origin, are labouring

among the French Canadian population. By the establishment of the Montreal College the constituency of Knox College has been confined within narrower limits, but its efficiency and prosperity have been by no means diminished. On the contrary, they have been in many ways greatly advanced. The number of graduates of Knox College since 1867 has been 237. Within the last fifteen years the average number of graduates has been between thirteen and fourteen. The number of graduates this year will probably be eighteen.

In 1870 Dr. Willis resigned his position in the College, and in the following year Dr. David Inglis, then minister of McNab St. congregation, Hamilton, was appointed to succeed him as Professor of Systematic Theology, but occupied this position for only a single session. His eminent gifts as an eloquent and impressive preacher had attracted the notice of a Dutch Reformed congregation in Brooklyn, L. I., and he accepted a call to be their pastor. In the same year in which he resigned his professorship the Rev. William Gregg, then minister of Cooke's Church, Toronto, was appointed to the professorship of Apologetics, to which the department of Church History was afterwards added. In the following year the Rev. William McLaren, then minister of Knox Church, Ottawa, was elected to the chair left vacant by the resignation of Dr. Inglis.

The history of Knox College in more recent years is well known and need not be particularly detailed, but some items may be mentioned. The spacious building in which the college now meets was opened in October, 1875. The endowment fund which in 1875 amounted to only about \$6,000, now amounts to upwards of \$200,000 already received, besides which a large amount has been promised, but not collected. Power to