

for the divided cause in Brandon. His congregation is making an addition to the church. Students are flocking back to college. Manitoba college has a larger number of new students entering than in any year of its history. Many of these are for the ministry. Manitoba is agitated over the proposal to abolish separate schools. The Province seems largely in favour of it. A new minister has been elected by acclamation, the opposition giving as a reason their desire to see the Government's policy on this subject carried out. B.

THE COLLEGES.

KNOX COLLEGE, Toronto.—The session of 1889-90 was opened with the customary ceremonies on the 2nd of October, in the Convocation Hall, which was well filled both in the afternoon and at the evening meeting. Principal Caven presided, being supported on the platform by a strong array of learned professors and divines. The principal feature of the opening was the delivery of a very able lecture by Rev. Professor McLaren, D.D., on "The Unity of the Church and Church Union." Reference was made to the numerous divisions in the Christian Church and the controversies of ancient and modern times indicated that full justice was not done to the Gospel of Christ. Thirty years ago a Society was formed in England for the promotion of the union of the Christian Church. The Society still exists and embodies the aspirations of those who desire the union of the Anglican, Roman and Greek Churches. A movement recently took place in Canada tending towards the union of the different branches of the Church. There is a great deal of importance to be attached to this movement, and there is room for Christians to rejoice over it. Regarding Christ's prayer, "That they all may be one," the lecturer said:—It is a prayer for all Christ's believing people then in the world. It is a prayer which is presented expressly for all believers from Christ's day to the end of time. There is no reference to an external society made up of all sorts of men. No one imagines that the meaning of the prayer is that believers should be one in everything. The language clearly points to a unity of a different kind. History pours contempt upon the dream that the world is to be converted through the impression made by the unity of a great, compact, visible society of all sorts of men. In conclusion, Dr. McLaren said:—"We may see no feasible prospect of the early reunion of Christendom, but we know that the oneness of believers for which Christ prayed is an existing fact. If we keep this fact distinctly before our minds, it brings our thoughts and feelings gradually into harmony with itself, and many of the worst evils of Church divisions pass away." In the evening Dr. Caven delivered an address on "The Duty of the Church and

Ministers regarding Jesuits' Aggression." The idea was emphasized that while it was a mistake to turn a Church Court into a political arena, there are political questions which ministers cannot conscientiously ignore, and this regarding the Jesuits Estates' Act is one of them. He did not agree with the French division of mankind into three classes—men, women and clergymen. (Laughter.) Clergymen must be enfranchised, and it was their duty to speak on all questions affecting morals and their own citizenship. He desired to emphasise this distinctly, because as soon as the question of Jesuits began to attract public attention ministers of the Gospel received a great deal of adverse criticism for expressing opinions on it.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL:—The opening of the session took place on the evening of October 2nd. The Convocation Hall was filled by students and citizens. Prof. Campbell presided and Principal MacVicar delivered the inaugural address on the subject of "How to Meet Unbelief." The speaker referred to the iconoclastic tendency of to-day; but said also that nothing belonging essentially to Christianity had ever yet been shown to be false. The sceptic should be forced to declare his position and then be fairly met on his own ground. The church's duty was to confront unbelief by earnest, unceasing belief and prayer. He declared himself strongly against classification and caste in the pews of the sanctuary, according to the wealth of the parties classified, saying that this very classification was driving thousands into secularism. Persons of high degree must come down from lofty pedestals and show kindness, humility and willingness to serve. Much scepticism was also due to parsimony. There should be a full manifestation of Christian liberality. A collection was taken up on behalf of the library. Principal MacVicar stated that 508 volumes had been added to the library since the close of last session, being partly made up of the library of the late Rev. Mr. Rintoul. Five of the alumni of the college are now foreign missionaries. Twenty-four new students enter this session, making, along with those already on the roll, ninety-four as the total, being the largest number yet in attendance.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, KINGSTON:—An important addition has been made to the teaching staff by the recent appointment of two new professors,—namely, Dr. Dyde, Professor of Philosophy and Political Economy in the University of New Brunswick, to the chair of *Mental Philosophy*; and Rev. John McNaughton, M.A., Minister of Lairg, Scotland, as Professor of Greek. Both gentlemen are very highly spoken of, and the country, no less than the University is to be congratulated that such an important step in the interests of higher education has been taken.