

## THE COLLEGES.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, KINGSTON.—The forty-first session commenced on the first Wednesday of October, when students presented themselves for matriculation or supplementary examinations. On October 16th or "University Day," so called from that being the date on which Her Majesty signed the Charter of Queen's as a University, the session was formally opened with Divine service in Convocation Hall, the Principal preaching from the words "Be Strong." On the following Lord's Day he followed up the discourse with another in which God in Christ was pointed out as the only source of strength. Convocation Hall was crowded with the students and the elite of the city. On the evening of October 17th the new Professor of Classics was installed and thereafter delivered a striking address on "the Benefits of Classical Study." Professor Fletcher promises to be a very great acquisition to Queen's. He brings to the discharge of the duties of his chair, Canadian sympathies, the highest Oxford culture, youthful energy, and aptness to teach.

Forty-three new students have entered the Arts Faculty, fourteen of them having the ministry in view.

The Theological Faculty of Queen's opens a month later than the Arts Department, though the two close at the same time, the session for Arts being seven, and for Theology six months long, accordingly the Theology Faculty opened on Nov. 2nd, also with good prospects of a profitable session. Nine theologues presented themselves for admission to the hall as first-year students. During the past summer the new observatory has been completed; Professor Dupuis has purchased, in France, a complete equipment for the Chemistry Laboratory; and subscriptions to a special fund have enabled the Senate to spend a thousand dollars on the Library, an amount only one-half of what they hope the friends of Queen's will enable them to spend upon it in each of the next ten years.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX.—The endowment and building fund now reaches nearly \$64,000; but there remain nearly \$36,000 to be collected. The Board of Managers met on the 2nd ult. and made arrangements with the view of hastening the gathering in of the whole hundred thousand dollars. It is hoped that very great progress will be made this winter in the work of collecting. On the evening of Nov. 2nd the session of the College was opened with a lecture by Dr. Pollok on "Onesidedness in Religious Thought." The attendance was large, and the subject was very ably treated. Fourteen students are in attendance this

session. A member of James Church, New Glasgow, has given one thousand dollars to provide a bursary of \$60 a year to aid a deserving Theological student. The Board in recording their thanks to the anonymous donor, expressed the hope that others would follow his example. A Missionary Section has been commenced in connection with the College Library at Halifax. It has been founded by Rev. E. A. McCurdy, New Glasgow. Additions will be made to it yearly.

DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.—Our Church in the Maritime Provinces supports three Professors in this institution. The winter session commenced on the 1st of November. The inaugural lecture was delivered by Rev. Professor Forrest, Munro Professor of History. The attendance of students is larger than ever before. A considerable number have in view the ministry of our Church.

## Meetings of Presbyteries.

PICTOU: This Presbytery held a series of meetings for visitation, commencing at Hopewell on the 10th Oct. After Hopewell, Springville, Sunny Brae, Blue Mountain, Barney's River and Merigomish were visited,—the condition and working of the various congregations enquired into, and suitable deliverances adopted. Nov. 1. At New Glasgow. The Presbytery granted moderation in a call to Sherbrooke congregation, and appointed supplies to the various vacancies. The work of visitation to be resumed on the 29th at Green Hill. E. A. McCurdy, *Clk.*

MIRAMICHI: Oct. 25th:—The Presbytery met at Bathurst. Reports from catechists at New Bandon and Caraquet were received. There are extensive fields in which Protestants are few and scattered, and where the missionary encounters very serious difficulties. The summer's work of the catechists was considered satisfactory. The Presbytery is trying to secure a missionary for the lumbering region on the Restigouche and its tributaries. Arrangements were made for visiting half the congregations in the Presbytery this year. Moderation in a call was granted to St. Andrew's Church, Newcastle. S. Houston, *Clk.*

HALIFAX: Nov. 3rd:—Moderation in a call was granted to Upper Musquodoboit. The call of St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, was placed in Mr. Pitblado's hands. The congregation of Chalmer's Church, Halifax, learning that their pastor felt it his duty to accept the call to Winnipeg, acquiesced in his doing so. The Presbytery resolved accordingly to loose Mr. Pitblado from his charge at Halifax, and to intimate the fact to the Presbytery of Manitoba. Professor