

## The Colleges.

### PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX.

The session closed on Wednesday, April 25, the closing exercises being held in Chalmers' Church, in presence of a large audience. Twenty-seven students attended during the session; 2, boarded in the institution. Five complete their curriculum, namely, A. L. Geggie, J. D. McFarlane, David Sutherland, F. C. Simpson and Thomas Corbett. The degree of B.D. was conferred upon Rev. D. Macdonald, of Port Hastings, Cape Breton, after a full and very satisfactory examination. Dr. Currie stated that 82 of the ministers at present in charge within the maritime synod have passed through the college since 1871. The students were addressed by Rev. A. Falconer, Pictou, Rev. J. M. Robinson, Springfield, and Rev. D. M. Gordon, Halifax. At a meeting of the College Board on Thursday it was found that the receipts for the year were about \$9,600, and the expenditures about \$1,000 less, so that there is now a prospect of liquidating the accumulated arrears of the past eight or nine years. If all the congregations would but pay as many do there would be no debt. The contributions from congregations this year amounted to over \$3,000. The Bursary Committee of the Board were authorized to continue their efforts. Students living in the college will be charged only \$2 a week for board. The Alumni Association contribute to secure teaching in elocation in the college. M.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.—The usual preliminary convocation was held on April 24th, when validictories were read, in Theology by M. McKinnon, B.A., in Arts by W. J. Patterson (gold medalist in mathematics), and in Medicine by E. H. Horsey for the Royal College, and Miss A. Lawyer for the Woman's Medical College. Meetings of the University Council and of the Endowment Association were held, and in the evening the annual convocation of the Missionary Association took place, being also a farewell to their first missionaries to China. Rev. J. F. Smith, M.D., and Mrs. Smith. On Wednesday, 25th, the closing convocation took place, the hall being packed by some hundreds more than its seating capacity. Regrets were expressed for the absence of the Principal, but the proceedings were ably conducted by the Chancellor, Mr. S. Fleming, C.E., LL.D., C.M.G., who opened with a thought-inspiring address. Honours, medals and scholarships were awarded as the results of many a keen contest. The laurea-tion of graduates then took place, 35 B.A.'s (five having been granted at the opening of the session, making 40 for the year), 4 M.A.'s, and one B.D. (W. J. Fowler, M.A.), 44 M.D.'s, of whom 30 were students of the Royal, 5 of the Women's and 9 of Trinity College. No honorary degrees were conferred this year.

The session in Theology has been a successful one. The Principal was able to lecture only a small part of the session, but valuable assistance was given by lecturers, Dr. Thompson on Homiletics and Pastoral Theology, Mr. Carmichael on Church History and Mr. Houston on Bible Geography and History, with extra work by Prof. Ross. The students who have completed their divinity course are: William J. Drummond, B.A., William J. Fowler, M.A., David J. Hyland, George R. Lang, B.A., James W. H. Milne, B.A., Donald Munro, Malcolm McKinnon, B.A., and John McNeil. Rev. James F. Smith completed his divinity course a year ago, and obtained his M.D. and C.M. degrees at this time. He has devoted considerable time to special lines of medical and surgical practice, dentistry, etc., and goes out well equipped as a medical missionary.

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DALHOUSIE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY.—The Presbyterian College is affiliated with Dalhousie University, and the Board pays \$3,000 a year towards the support of Professors in the Arts Course. The Presbyterian Church has thus been interested in Dalhousie College since 1863. The University is now newly housed in a very commodious building, costing over \$70,000. The church has taken a deep interest in the prosperity of this institution. One of her ministers is President, and many of her ministers are Dalhousie alumni, while her members have been the principal benefactors of the University. Faculties of law and medicine are connected with the University.

MANITOBA COLLEGE.—The Theological department of this college concluded its work for the season on the 19th of April. Messrs. T.C. Court and A. Macleod completed their curriculum and received their diplomas. Rev. Principal King spoke hopefully of the prospects of the college. Rev. James Douglas addressed the students, and the proceedings were brought to a close with addresses from Rev. J. C. Quinn, of Emerson, and Rev. J. Farquharson.

### MEETINGS OF SYNODS.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.—This Synod met in Ottawa on the 17th of April, and was attended by nearly one hundred members. Rev. Dr. Warden preached the opening sermon, and in his stead Rev. Dr. Armstrong of St. Paul's Church was elected Moderator for the ensuing year. There was not much done beyond the ordinary routine of synodical meetings—hearing and discussing reports to be sent to the Assembly on the State of Religion, Temperance, Sabbath Observance, and the different forms of Christian liberality and activity. Mr. J. K. Macdonald of Toronto made a telling appeal on behalf of the proposal to raise an endowment of \$100,000 for the Aged and Infirm