

Our college has opened this session in very auspicious circumstances, the number of students—thirty-one in all—being, we believe, larger than in any previous year. It is encouraging to notice this increased attendance, showing as it does that the apprehension formerly entertained lest this institution might not prove a success was perfectly groundless. A spirit of harmony and missionary enthusiasm, which augurs well for the future of the church, prevails in our midst, and we are convinced that the *esprit de corps* among the students of the college has never been so marked as at present.

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There has been during the past few weeks an unusually large number of meetings for the consideration of matters connected with student life in this institution. The proposal to establish a college paper, which was considered last session, was again brought up and discussed at several meetings. At one of these, Rev. Messrs. Neil McKay and Thomas Stewart, who were present as representatives of the Alumni Association, promised support, and assured the students of the hearty co-operation of the ministers of the church should the paper be started. Encouraged by the remarks of these gentlemen the students unanimously agreed to proceed with the publication of such a paper as was suggested.

Another important matter considered was the practicability of securing instruction in elocution. Miss McGarry, who has gained for herself a reputation throughout the Maritime Provinces, having expressed her willingness to form a class from among the students, a petition was presented to the Senate asking that body to grant a room in which the class might be conducted. This request, hazardous though it seemed to some of the students, was complied with, and Miss McGarry has already entered upon her work of instruction in elocution, a subject, the importance of which to those who are looking forward to the work of the ministry, is acknowledged by all.

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The Missionary Society, one of the most thriving organizations of our college, has already held several interesting meetings. At one of these, the Rev. Dr. Robertson spoke to the students of the resources and needs of the great North West, and kept the close