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OUR THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES.

Now that these Institutions have entered upon their work for the Season, we may devote a little time and space to the taking of stock, and glance briefly at the available capacities and resources of each, as set forth in the annual reports of their several Boards of managers to the last General Assembly.

The Colleges are five in number, viz:

(1) Queen's University and College at Kingston; (2) Knox College, Toronto; (3) The Presbyterian College, Montreal; (4) Morrin College, Quebec, and (5) the Theological Hall in Maritime Provinces.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE differs from the rest in several particulars. It is the oldest. It derives its authority from a Royal Charter. It possesses degree-granting powers. It combines the faculties of Art and Theology, and it is endowed to a larger extent than any of the others.

It was projected by the branch of the Church formerly in connection with the Church of Scotland not long after the formation of the Synod. It was incorporated by Act of Parliament, 1840, and obtained its charter in 1841.

Classes were first opened in a rented room in 1841, but it was not until 1853 that the property on which the College stands was purchased at a cost of \$35,993 including repairs and enlargements. At this time the faculty of Medicine was added to those of Arts and Theology, and a building that cost \$10,000 was erected for this department. Some years later an attempt was made to engraft the Faculty of Law also, but it did not succeed, and, after a few years, the Medical Faculty was also dropped, although the School of Medicine still sur-

vives under the name of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, affiliated to Queen's. The College Buildings, with their furniture, including the library of 10,000 volumes, and the adjoining grounds are valued at about \$70,000.

Students.—Since its establishment Queen's has educated about one hundred ministers for the Presbyterian Church. Sixty nine students were registered last year in Arts and Theology. Of these 34 professed to have the ministry in view—ten being students of Divinity.

Professors.—The present staff consists of seven professors—five in Arts, and two in Divinity. Their salaries are \$2000 each, the Principal's is \$2,700.

Revenues.—Its endowments—about \$130,000—yield \$8,000 annually. From the Church of Scotland it received last year \$2444; from the Temporalities Board \$2975; from donations, fees, &c., \$1651; Total \$15,070. Its expenditure exceeded its income by \$3330.

KNOX COLLEGE.—This is altogether a Theological Institution. Thirty one years ago it began in a very humble way with two professors and fourteen students. Two or three years later, an Academy or High school was affiliated with it, and it found a temporary domicile from which it emigrated to the vice-regal apartments formerly occupied by the Lieut. Gov. which were purchased and fitted up for college work. Quite recently, a grand step was taken in advance. It was resolved to erect a college Building that would reflect credit on the Presbyterian Church. The work was commenced with energy and has been so well managed that now Knox college is housed in one of the finest structures in the Dominion—a Gothic building 230 feet in length, with wings extending 150 feet in depth—having dormitories and boarding accommodation for