

DIGBY, N. S.—A church building belonging to the Baptists, has been bought by the Presbyterians of that town. Digby is a favorite summer resort. Presbyterians are few there now, but they are likely to increase.

### THE COLLEGES.

THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.—Closed its session of 1888-9 on the evening of April 3rd, in the Convocation Hall, which was filled to its utmost capacity. Principal MacVicar occupied the chair, and with him on the platform were the Senate and a large number of the members of the Presbytery of Montreal. The presentation of prizes and scholarships afforded an opportunity for a variety of impromptu and spicy speeches. The gold medalist of the year was Mr. R. Johnston, B. A., who delivered a very effective valedictory address. Rev. A. Ogilvie, B. A., received the degree of B. D. Rev. W. B. Clark, of Quebec, Rev. Professor Donald Ross of Queen's College, Kingston, and Rev. A. B. Mackay of Crescent street church, Montreal, had each the degree of D.D. conferred upon them. The graduating class numbered *fifteen*, the largest in the history of the College, as follows.—J. J. Bourgoir, D. Campbell, P. N. Cayer, J. E. Coté, D. L. Dewar, B. A., J. J. Forbes, R. Johnston, B. A., W. Russell, B. A., A. J. Lods, J. Macdougall, B. A., J. S. MacIraith, M. Mackenzie, M. J. Macleod, B. A., J. A. Maclean, J. H. MacVicar, B. A. Four of the young men are under engagement to enter upon foreign missionary service, three going to China and one to Japan. Dr. Ross addressed the graduates in earnest and appropriate terms. Rev. L. H. Jordan, on behalf of his sister, Mrs. James Fairie, presented the College with a very handsome organ. The learned principal in his closing address reviewed the work of the session which had been highly satisfactory, and acknowledged the receipt of over 250 volumes for the Library.

KNOX COLLEGE, TORONTO.—The closing exercises of Knox College were held in the afternoon and evening of the 4th of April, when there was a very large attendance of interested spectators. Principal Caven presided, and was supported by a large number of Ministers and Professors. In opening the proceedings, Dr. Caven reviewed in felicitous terms the work of the session, concluding his remarks by a well merited tribute of respect to the memory of the late Professor Young of University College. The distribution of prizes and scholarships being finished, the following gentlemen who had completed their theological course received their diplomas,—Messrs. Geo. Needham, B. A., Thos. Nattress, B. A., W. A. J. Martin, L. C. Emes, Wm. Neilly, Dugald McMillan, John Robertson, James Gilchrist, M. C. Rumball, M. A.; D. C. Hossack, L.L.B.; A. J. Jansen, P. J. Pettinger, Thos. R. Shearer, B. A.; John McP. Scott, Wm. P. McKenzie, M. N. Bethune, Robt.

Johnston, A. E. Mitchell, M.A.; J. McD. Duncan, B.A.—nineteen in all. Rev. Mungo Fraser of Hamilton and Rev. Donald McGillivray of China, were admitted to the degree of B. D. The degree of D.D. was conferred upon Rev. W. T. McMullen, Moderator of the General Assembly, and the Rev. D. H. Fletcher, of Hamilton. Mr. J. A. J. Martin gave the valedictory address, and after short addresses by the new Doctors and others, the proceedings connected with the closing of a very satisfactory session terminated.

HALIFAX :—The graduating class of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, numbers 10. All are to be licensed very shortly, and it is probable that within two months all will be called on or settled over congregations.

SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.—This Court met on the evening of the 8th of April and continued in session three days. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. James, of Walkerton, in whose stead Rev. George Cuthbertson, of Wyoming, was elected Moderator. The reports of standing committees were read and considered and ordered to be transmitted; that on Temperance, by Rev. Wm. M. Martin, of Exeter; on Sabbath schools, by Mr. T. W. Nisbet; on Sabbath Observance, by Rev. W. J. Dey, of Hamilton, and on the State of Religion, by Rev. Dr. D. H. Fletcher, of Hamilton. Rev. Dr. Young and Rev. John Kay, representing the Methodist Niagara Conference, were introduced by Dr. Cochrane and addressed the Synod in courteous and felicitous terms, to which the Moderator replied with warmth and humour. An invitation to visit the Brantford Ladies' College was accepted. Miss Ghertrede, of Toronto, on behalf of the students, read an address to the Synod which was responded to eloquently by Mr. Cuthbertson. The beautiful grounds surrounding the college, and the home-like buildings, with their admirable internal appointments, were much admired by the visitors. A very profitable evening was spent in discussing the report on the State of Religion and Evangelistic work. Dr. Robertson, of Winnipeg, addressed the Synod on Missions in the North-West, and Mr. J. K. Macdonald, Convener of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, made an able and eloquent appeal in behalf of that most deserving fund. A committee was appointed to frame a deliverance on the much-debated Jesuits' Estates Bill. A whole sedcrunt was occupied in discussing this question when a series of resolutions condemnatory of the Act were enthusiastically carried and a committee was appointed to take such further means as may seem best for securing the disallowance of said Act. Leave was granted to Presbyteries to take on trial for license Messrs. Hutt, McMillan, Pettinger, Hossack, Jansen and Needham—graduates of Knox College.