

REPORTER'S FOLIO.

The opening exercises of the College for the session 1892-93 were conducted in the David Morrice Hall on the evening of the 5th October. The proceedings were of an exceptionally interesting nature, and a large audience, representative of all the Presbyterian Churches in the city, assembled before half-past seven o'clock.

That in which the proceedings differed from that of previous years was the induction of the Rev. James Ross, M.A., B.D., to the new chair of Homiletics, Pastoral Theology, Sacred Rhetoric, and Church Government.

The Presbytery, having been previously constituted, took its place on the platform at 7.45 p.m. Principal MacVicar gave out the 100th Psalm which was sung heartily by the entire congregation, after which the Rev. J. McGillivray, B.D., read a portion of Scripture and led in prayer. The Rev. Mr. Paterson, clerk of Presbytery, then narrated the steps which led up to the election of a new Professor. In a few sentences, he told of the pressing need of an addition to the professorial staff which had been apparent to the members of the Faculty for years, and of the generous friend of the college, who also perceiving this need, made the munificent donation which rendered the fondly-cherished dream a possible reality, and finally at the last meeting of the General Assembly of the Church, the gentleman who was that night to be inducted, and whose high attainments

and natural gifts fitted him for the post, was unanimously selected.

The Rev. Principal MacVicar then put the usual questions, which were responded to by Mr. Ross, after which the Rev. Dr. Patterson of St. Andrews, Que., offered the ordination prayer. The Presbytery completed the interesting ceremony by its members extending to the new Professor the right hand of fellowship.

The Rev. Dr. Barclay of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, then delivered, in eloquent terms, the charge to Professor Ross, being followed by the latter, who received a warm ovation from those present, and who proceeded to deliver his Inaugural Lecture entitled "The Preacher for the Age." A full report of the lecture appears in these pages.

Dr. MacVicar made some interesting statements respecting the present hopeful condition of the College, etc., and the proceedings terminated, the Rev. Prof. Ross pronouncing the benediction.

A special meeting of the Philosophical and Literary Society was held in Lecture Room No. 1 on Saturday Oct. 8th for the purpose of electing a corresponding Editor for the Journal in room of Mr. Gordon, resigned. Mr. Donald Guthrie B.A. was unanimously elected.

The first regular meeting of the Philosophical and Literary Society was held on Friday, Oct. 14th. After preliminary business had been disposed of, the President, Mr. D. J. Fraser B.A., announced that the subject of debate