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No. 126—THE NEW COLLEGE BUILDINGS,
MONTREAL.

THE recent presentation by Mr. A. F. Gault to the diocese of Montreal of the new Theological College is one of the most munificent gifts ever made in Canada. Mr. Gault has taken a deep interest in this institution from the first, and

had presented a fine residence on Dorchester street for its use. A full description of this has been already given in our columns.* It was a fine large building, but was erected as a private residence, and as such was not thoroughly adapted for college requirements. However, it served an excellent purpose for many years. Evidently Mr. Gault, the generous giver of it, was not altogether satisfied with it, and, as God prospered him from time to time, he resolved to erect a building which should be suitable in every respect for the work that was to be done within its walls. The result was a fine collegiate edifice, complete in every respect. It has a chapel furnished in oak with a handsome screen at the entrance. Over the Lord's table Mr. Gault has placed a beautiful window in memory of his two brothers. The college has also a library with all the best modern arrangements for keeping and classifying the books. There are also lecture rooms, a reception room, a board room, and students' rooms all handsomely and appropriately furnished. There is also a splendid Convocation Hall, capable of holding a large number of people.

This fine building, complete in every respect and handsomely furnished throughout, was for-

mally presented by Mr. Gault at a public meeting held in the new building on October 21st.

It was a day much to be remembered among Church people in Montreal. It would have been a day for general rejoicing were it not for the fact that the death of Canon Henderson, the principal of the college, took place at the very time fixed for the public ceremony of inauguration. This cast a gloom over the whole proceedings, for the gentle demeanor of the worthy principal had won the hearts of all who knew him. He had watched with pride the progress made in the new building; he had longed to see its completion and to enter within its walls, but just as everything was ready he was called to his last long rest.

At the meeting referred to Mr. Gault, in a few graceful words, made the formal presentation of the college to the diocese. He handed to Bishop Bond the deed of the college, the treasurer's receipt for the amount given for endowment and for the furniture of the college, also insurance policies paid up for three years, together with a donation of \$1,000 for the benefit of the library.

In accepting the gift, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Bond, Bishop of the diocese, who had been Mr. Gault's rector for many years in days gone by, said: "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Three Persons in One God, the Holy Blessed and Glorious Trinity, on behalf of the Church in this diocese, I receive these college buildings and this endowment from our dear and valued friend, A. F. Gault, for the use of the Church of Christ in this land. Mr. Gault, friend of the Church, friend of humanity, we are deeply grateful to you. Words fail when we would express our gratitude, but we can pray for you and your family, and we do pray that you may receive at the hands of God a



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Montreal.

*See the December number, 1891.