

versity of Canada."—The Rev. Dr. Badgley, B.A., a graduate of Albert in '68 and who received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from the same institution in '81, has been appointed Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy and Logic in the room of Professor Workman, who resigned. The Doctor held the same position in Albert. The *Acta* speaks highly of him and of what an addition he would be "to the staff of this department in which Victoria has *always* held an *acknowledged pre-eminence*." The *Italics* are our own, and we will refrain from making further comments excepting that we think some people would be better satisfied if there was a mark of interrogation after the word "pre-eminence," or if they were told by whom the "pre-eminence" is "acknowledged." If it is by Victoria, of course it is all right, so long as it is so understood.—The Vics. have a couple of rather nice customs. One, is the seniors wear white ties, their use by the three junior years being of course prohibited. The other is, the most popular senior, by the vote of the College carries throughout the year a gold headed cane. This cane has been handed down from generation to generation and has the name of each of its bearers inscribed upon it.—The Literary Societies are treating the town and College to some first-class lectures. Two have been given by Dr. Sexton. Dr. Ormiston and Professor Goldwin Smith are likely to follow him.—In the examination for medals the Vic. boys think they should be extended over eighteen hours instead of the nine hours now allowed, if a fair test of such a candidate's knowledge is to be obtained. They are accordingly agitating the matter in the *Acta*. Better come to Queen's, boys, if it's longer examinations you want, you can get eighteen hours or more every trip here.—Victoria has a Library grievance, too. Join the excursion of University College Library Committee to Kingston.—Their "Latest Project" is to build an athletic hall, in which all the different athletic organizations or *societies* will have a share.

MCGILL.—The total number of students entered in the freshman class this Session is 195, distributed among the different faculties as follows; Medicine 88; Arts, male 57, female 25; Applied Science 16; Law 9. The *University Gazette*, now in its eighth year is published this year by a joint stock Company. The *Varsity* of Toronto has adopted the same plan.—The Principal, Sir William Dawson, strongly urges the advisability of separate classes for women. The Hon. D. A. Smith's endowment is to be used for this purpose.—Senator Ferrier, of Montreal, has been appointed Chancellor.—The authorities have given the vacant Lectureship in classes to an Englishman. A step we claim to be a libel on Canadians in general and on the graduates of McGill in particular.—The graduating class in Arts chose Mr. A. H. V. Colquhoun as their Valedictorian last month.—A new song book, which will contain 150 songs and choruses with four part music, is nearly completed. Good for McGill.—The Shakespeare collection of the late T. D. King has been purchased for

their Library, by the Hon. D. A. Smith and Mr. W. C. McDonald.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.—The undergraduates have discontinued the publication of the Journal.—Principal Macvicar, in announcing the programme for the ensuing session, said he was happy to be able to state that their number of students had now reached 76. They had twenty new students, and ten of them were from Quebec, a province which was not supposed to be productive in the matter of students; and the other ten belonged to the different other provinces. He concluded by announcing that there would be a course of Sunday afternoon lectures in the hall, as there had been last session, and that several distinguished gentlemen had consented to act as lecturers.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX.—The session was opened on November 5th, the inaugural lecture being by Dr. Pollok, on the "Teaching of the Twelve Apostles." The freshmen class this year is larger than usual, numbering ten or twelve. A catalogue of the library has been prepared this summer, showing 9,000 volumes. At a meeting of the College Board on the same day, steps were taken for carrying out the instructions of the Synod relating to a chair in Dalhousie College. A Bursary Committee was appointed which takes measures to help deserving students who are in need of aid. One dollar a week is paid towards the board of all the Divinity students, and additional aid is given according to the requirements of each case.

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THE last student's prayer meeting for the year, was held on Thursday afternoon, the 18th Dec. The chief thought of the meeting was, "if we are to be strong, healthy Christians during the next year, we must not neglect private prayer and the daily study of the word." The Israelites had to gather the manna daily, so must we partake daily of that "living bread which came down from Heaven." We cannot take enough on Sunday to do for a week. Moreover, the Israelites were to gather the manna every morning early, before the sun waxed hot; so the spiritual life of Christians depends largely upon their spending the early hours of the day in gathering rich soul food from the word.

The following was adopted as a motto for the members of the Association, during the coming year, "Far be it from me to glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." After singing, "Blest be the tie, &c," the boys separated for a happy holiday. Some of them will spend the time in Evangelistic work, believing that they are called thereto by the Master.

During the last two weeks of the term, a number of the students met together daily for prayer and christian fellowship. The general verdict concerning these meetings was, "Well boys, you know, this is grand altogether!"

We are glad to know that the number of College Associations is increasing in Canada. One has recently been organized in *Dalhousie* under most favorable circumstances, and gives promise of a good work.