

Knox College and this College was supplemented. It proved unsatisfactory, and after several years was abandoned. In 1891, at the invitation of the Board, the Rev. Dr. D. L. MacCrae, an energetic and zealous alumnus of the College, undertook a canvass in behalf of the endowment fund chiefly in country congregations. In view of financial depression very generally experienced at the time it was deemed advisable not to continue the effort or to make it general. A considerable sum, however, was realized and much useful information was conveyed to the people through the tact and perseverance of Dr. MacCrae. With a return of prosperous times the work will doubtless be resumed, and, under the able guidance of the Treasurer, the Rev. Dr. Warden, whose services to the College for many years deserve the highest commendation, cannot fail of being carried to a successful issue.

In addition to buildings, library and other real estate owned by the College, according to the last report to the General Assembly, the total balance on hand with the Treasurer was one hundred and seventy two thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight dollars and seventy-three cents, which amount is invested upon first class securities.

CHAPTER IX.

THE LIBRARY.

The growth of the Library has kept pace with that of other departments. It now contains over 12,000 volumes, nearly all fundamental and permanently valuable works. Very few, indeed, should ever be removed to make room for better ones. It has had from the beginning many good friends; and it is believed that the survivors among them and others will still make it the object of benevolent care and outlay. Money cannot be better employed than in putting within reach of Professors, Ministers and Students the best sources of information.

The nucleus was formed by the purchase of books to the amount of one thousand dollars and by a gift, already referred to, of several hundred volumes from Knox College. Since then various sums and valuable donations have contributed to its gradual extension. In 1875, the late Mr. Peter Redpath, of Chislehurst, England, presented the complete *Patrologia* of Abbé Migne in 387 volumes handsomely bound and bearing the College arms. This costly collection contains the works of the Greek and Latin Fathers and Ecclesiastical writers from the apostolic age to the middle of the fourteenth century.