

COLLEGE NOTES.

THE formal opening of Pine Hill College took place in Chalmers' Church on the evening of Wednesday, November 6th, at half-past seven o'clock. The students, who during the few days previous had been returning from their summer fields of labor, were present in force, and the body of the church was filled by a large number of those interested in the welfare of the college. Dr. Burns, Chairman of the Board of Management presided, and on the platform with him were the Principal and Professors of the College, and a number of the ministers of our church. After the usual opening exercises, an address exhibiting great erudition and laborious research was delivered by our revered Principal, Dr. McKnight. He chose as his subject the "Shepherd of Hermas," a treatise in patristic literature that reveals in an interesting manner the character of theological thought in the early church. In the course of his lecture he showed the influence of Oriental and later Grecian philosophy on the fundamental doctrines of our religion as held by the leading divines of the second and third centuries. We need not, however, refer at greater length to the address, as it has already appeared in full in the columns of a paper that circulates widely among our readers. The attentive manner and appreciative words of Dr. Burns showed very clearly the high value that those most capable of judging on such subjects placed upon the lecture of the evening.

Dr. McKnight was followed by Rev. Mr. Morton, who, on the eve of his departure to the foreign field, addressed the students of his Alma Mater in words which, for soundness of judgment and appropriateness to the occasion, were not surpassed in the many excellent speeches he delivered during his recent furlough. On the conclusion of his remarks, the meeting was closed with the benediction, pronounced by the Rev. Fulton Coffin, missionary-elect to Trinidad, and a former student of this college.