

Among Our Colleges.

Halifax is rejoicing in the possession of a new library building and class rooms, and in an attendance of forty-seven students with the ministry in view. Montreal, with renovated surroundings and over renovating instruction, is having a successful session. Queen's and Knox have been holding their Annual Alumni Conferences for whetting intellects and warming hearts, recalling other days and planning for better; Knox having the added stimulus of the intimation of a generous legacy of over \$50,000. Manitoba had her sorrows and joys, the former in the very serious illness, from pneumonia, of the loved Principal, whose great ability and strenuous work has done so much for her; the latter in his begun recovery, and in the intimation by Rev. T. B. Kilpatrick, of Aberdeen, Scotland, that he will accept her invitation to the chair of theology and apologetics.

The utmost cord length of our **Farthest** church is the new congregation in **N. and W.** Dawson City, Yukon. A church was built there last season at a cost of between seven and eight thousand dollars. A debt upon it of \$3000 is expected to be paid this spring. On the first of January they agreed to become self sustaining. There is no settled pastor. Rev. A. S. Grant has done much to organize the congregation. Whether he would accept a call is uncertain. He and Mr. Dickie are doing their utmost to follow up the mining districts all through that region. Mr. Grant has no little medical work, being superintendent of one of the hospitals, all of which are full. At latest word he was starting out for a little trip of some 200 miles to where a new mining town is springing up. The value of such men, at such work, in such a place, cannot be estimated.

Foreign Collectors. "An Armenian in America is now collecting about \$1300 a year for 'his school.' Of this sum he sends just \$100 toward the expense of the school and pockets the rest." Rev. T. Christian, American missionary at Tarsus in a letter to the Westminster, gives the above simply as an instance of the deception that is practised by some at least of the more than a thousand Syrian collectors, many of them Armenians, that find a rich pasture ground among the generous people of Canada and the United States. In the same letter he tells with regret the story of one of them, Rev. Mr. Jenanyan, whose name has recently

been before the Canadian public, and confirming the things that have been spoken of him. It may be said with safety that in five cases out of six, foreign collectors when appealing for help for some work which they themselves are carrying on, are more or less of an imposition. Some work may be done in many cases, enough to give more or less of color to their plea, but not enough to justify it. There is one place where generous givers cannot be duped, where giving almost invariably yields the largest results, and that is through the Boards and Committees of their own church.

STATE OF THE FUNDS WEST.

The Church year ends on the 31st March.
 The Rev. Dr. Warden reports, on the 18th of February, that the following sums are still required for the respective schemes so as to end the year free from debt.

Home Missions.....	\$40,000.00
Augmentation.....	11,000.00
Foreign Missions.....	23,000.00
Widows' & Orphans' Fund.....	6,000.00
Aged & Infirm Ministers' Fund.....	10,000.00
Assembly Fund.....	2,500.00
French Evangelization.....	6,000.00
Pointe-aux-Trembles.....	5,000.00
Knox College.....	7,500.00
Queen's College.....	3,000.00
Pres. College, Montreal.....	4,000.00
Manitoba College.....	3,000.00

The Funds regarding which there is special reasons for solicitude at the present time are the following.

1 *Home Mission Fund*—While the expenditure is this year \$5,000 in excess of last, the receipts to this date are nearly \$8,000 under those of last year. Unless nearly the whole \$40,000 is received before the 21st of March, the Committee, when it then meets, will not be justified in taking up a large number of new fields that are clamorous for supply.

2 *Widows' & Orphans' & Aged & Infirm Ministers' Funds*—Unless the amount received for both these Funds during the month of March is largely in excess of that received in the same month last year, there will not be sufficient to meet the annuities due on the 31st of March.

3 *Colleges*—The College funds are all considerably behind. The amount still needed for each of the Colleges is fully double that received in March 1893.

Three hundred congregations in the Western Section of the church have not thus far this year, contributed to some one or more of the Church