

on with a good measure of success. The first subscription for this object was \$2,000 by Messrs. Roger & King, Montreal, and the first money actually paid into the treasury came from the City of Quebec. As the result of the year's work it was reported to the Synod in 1867: "That within the bounds of the Presbytery of Montreal there had been subscribed the sum of \$19,187.70; in the Presbytery of Ottawa \$834; in the Presbytery of Brockville \$359.25; in all the sum of \$20,380.95; that of this sum \$8,000 would be paid on the appointment of a professor, and the greater part of the balance within a period of two years, and the remainder in four years." Four of the recommendations of the report were at once adopted, to the effect that "One Professor would be sufficient to begin with; that his salary should be at least two thousand dollars per annum; that no steps be taken in the meantime to erect College buildings, and that the Presbytery of Montreal be permitted to increase the Endowment Fund to at least thirty thousand dollars." This seemed very safe action to take, specially the kind permission given to the Presbytery of Montreal. The same Synod, however, after much reasoning and many amendments, such as are sometimes characteristic of Presbyterian courts, adopted truly progressive measures and united "the Presbyteries of Brockville and Ottawa with that of Montreal, in their effort to erect and maintain the College." The Synod at the same time appointed a Senate and Board of Management, enacted "that the Rules for the government of Knox College be adopted *ad interim* in Montreal, and appointed the Rev. Geo. Paxton Young (afterwards of University College, Toronto), Professor of Divinity, empowering the Board in the event of his declining the appointment, (which he did), to make whatever provision might be thought desirable for the instruction of classes during the coming winter.

CHAPTER III.

LECTURES—FIRST SESSION—AFFILIATION WITH M'GILL UNIVERSITY.

The Board, according to instructions of Synod, resolved to secure the services of a temporary lecturer or lecturers, and offered the position to the Rev. D. H. MacVicar, of Côté Street Church, Montreal, who declined. Afterwards the Rev. W. Gregg, of Cook's Church, Toronto, and the Rev. William Aitken, of Smith's Falls, agreed to undertake the work, each of them to give three months, and the first session of the College was opened by a lecture delivered by Mr. (now Dr.) Gregg in Erskine Church, on the first Wednesday of October, 1867. Ten students were enrolled during the session. Through the kindness of the trustees of Erskine Church, a room in the basement of the church, together with fuel and light, were given free