

most cordially approved, and steps were taken to bring the matter before the Presbytery of Montreal. This being done, the Presbytery resolved with perfect unanimity to submit the proposal, in the usual way, to the Synod at its meeting in June, in Cook's Church, Toronto.

CHAPTER II.

ACTION OF SYNOD--CHARTER--INCOME--DECLINATURE OF PROFESSOR YOUNG.

Dr. Taylor and Mr. MacVicar were appointed to support the overture before the Synod. They did so, and were ably aided on the floor of the house by Mr. Warden King and others, who urged the necessity of immediate action being taken. After the matter was carefully considered in a large committee and in open Synod, it was finally agreed, on motion of Mr. Drummond, seconded by Mr. Chambers (both ministers in Ontario), "That the Synod sanction the formation of a Theological College, as craved by the Presbytery of Montreal, and that for this purpose that Presbytery be authorized to prepare and obtain a charter, *mutatis mutandis*, similar to that of Knox College, and to report to next Synod." Thus the enterprise received the public imprimatur of the Supreme Court of the Church, which took it from that time forth under its care and entire control; but as yet there were no funds, no buildings, no library, no staff, no students nothing but a resolution of Synod, and many earnest praying men and women determined to give it effect. In June, 1865, the Presbytery of Montreal reported to the Synod that "in prosecuting the matter committed to them they had obtained a Charter of Incorporation for the Theological Institution at Montreal, under the style and title of the Presbyterian College, Montreal." The Synod conveyed thanks to the Hon. John Rose and F. W. Torrance, Esq., for their services in obtaining the charter; passed the Declaration of Principles required by the Act; declined in the meantime to bring the College into active operation, and "remitted to the Presbytery of Montreal, as a committee, to mature arrangements for the adequate support of at least one chair." After a year's work in terms of this decision, all that appears in the minutes of Synod of 1866 is, "express satisfaction with the progress which has been made. and remit it to the Presbytery of Montreal to prosecute and mature the scheme." The progress referred to was chiefly in finance. A committee was formed representing the city churches, with Mr. Alex. McGibbon, treasurer, and Mr. John Stirling, secretary, in room of Mr. J. C. Becket, who had acted in this capacity at the meetings already mentioned. Mr. Stirling has continued ever since to be secretary of the College Board, and has discharged the duties of the office with the utmost fidelity. A canvass in behalf of an Endowment Fund was carried