

faction 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 on behalf of an endowment fund was carried 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." This Synod also appointed the first 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 (now 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.

L ECTURERS—FIRST SESSION—AFFILIATION WITH MCGILL 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 Coté st. Church, Montreal, who declined. Afterwards