

this resolution, viz:—John Watson, W. D. McLaren, Thomas Muir, Hon. Judge Torrance, James Ross, Quebec, Geo. Hay, Ottawa, and Rev. D. Gordon, Indian Lands.”

In connection with these resolutions and the action now proposed, a few facts relating to the prosperity and wants of the College may be presented. It is established by Charter obtained from the Parliament of Quebec by the Synod, and affiliated with McGill University, in virtue of which it enjoys the fullest facilities for the literary and scientific training of students. Although it has been in actual operation for only three Sessions, it will be seen that, in the report submitted last June to the General Assembly, 27 students were enrolled, and 13 were added during the Session now about to close, making a total of 40 students.

A Theological Library of over 5000 volumes has been established, for which the sum of \$1246 was raised last winter, besides large donations of books.

During the Session, sixteen scholarships, of the value of from fifty to sixty dollars each, were offered for competition, besides a Bursary Fund, the disbursement of which is at the discretion of the Senate. These scholarships, with two exceptions, were given by citizens of Montreal. In estimating the financial progress made, it is proper to state that, by Act of the Synod, the College is limited for its annual income and endowment to three of the seventeen Presbyteries of the Church, viz., those of Montreal, Ottawa and Brockville. By having on its staff of instructors a French Professor, provision is made for the training of French and English-speaking students to become missionaries to the million and upwards of French Roman Catholics in the Dominion. Eleven such students are now in course of instruction, and it is felt that in this truly Protestant and patriotic work the College should receive both the sympathy and support of all Presbyterians of Canada, as it is the only institution in the Dominion prepared thus to serve the common interests of the country.

In response to the first effort made to secure an endowment, the sum of over \$22,000 has been received and invested, besides subscriptions yet unpaid. This much was accomplished at the outset; and surely, in view of the success since achieved in the actual working of the institution, there should be no difficulty in realizing the amount now contemplated. The thorough education of the future ministers of the Church is fundamental to her growth and power in the land, but this cannot be done without the proper appliances.

Accordingly, this Board deems it necessary without delay to secure an endowment for the following Chairs, viz:—

I. Chair of Systematic Theology, (*principal subject*), with Pastoral Theology and Homiletics.

II. Chair of Exegetical Theology, (*principal subject*), with Biblical Criticism and Hermeneutics.

III. Chair of Apologetics, (*principal subject*), with Church History.

The Chair of the French Professor is only provided for by annual contributions from the whole Church. In future, when more ample means can be provided, a different distribution of subjects than that just indicated should be adopted; but in the meantime this much is proposed, and it may be proper to remind those specially concerned in this circular that the Board received authority for such action from the Synod of 1867.

The Committee above named will arrange as soon as possible to present the whole matter, by deputation, to the congregations within the limits