

Theological Department opened with the Matriculation examinations in Divinity, which continued the following day, and the lectures began on Friday, 6th. Eight students passed the Matriculation examination and entered the hall. From the number of students who have entered in all the departments, the present prospects are good for a large attendance and a prosperous session in all the faculties of Theology, Arts, and Medicine. On the evening of University Day, 16th October, the usual meeting of Convocation was held, the Chancellor, Mr. Sandford Fleming, C.E., C.M.G., LL.D., etc., presiding. The Principal delivered a lecture on the University question, reviewing the progress of negotiation and public opinion on the proposed scheme for University federation. In this he clearly pointed out the position, duties and responsibilities of Queen's University, and the need of continuous expansion—consequently the need for increased endowment. As a means to attain the latter, he urged the vigorous carrying on and extension of the recently organized University Endowment Association. The various college societies are showing signs of life and vigour.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX.—The session of this college was opened on Wednesday, Nov. 4. A large audience assembled to hear Dr. Currie's lecture on the "Empire of the Hittites," in which the lecturer traced the hieroglyphical and monumental history of the Hittites, and showed how it agreed with the references in the Bible to the same people. Principal Macknight intimated that there are eighteen students in Theology. Dr. Burns gave a sketch of the growth of Presbyterianism in the Maritime Provinces and in the Dominion at large in the past sixty years. Rev. Thomas Sedgwick, Moderator of the Synod, earnestly pleaded the claims of the College, and urged young men to devote themselves to the work of the ministry. At a meeting of the College Board, valuable gifts for the Library and Museum were received from Rev. P. G. McGregor, D.D., the Agent of the Church, whose health was in such a state as to prevent his being present. The copy of the Septuagint and of the Greek New Testament that had been used by Rev. James MacGregor, D.D. Also Dr. James

MacGregor's staff, which had been for over fifty years in the keeping of Rev. J. J. Baxter. Also the Aneityumese Bible and other books; and a volume of letters relating to the New Hebrides, compiled by Rev. Dr. Patterson. Dr. Currie teaches Hebrew this winter in connection with Dalhousie College, as well as in the Presbyterian College. A series of lectures on Pastoral Theology will be given by pastors in the Maritime Synod.

MANITOBA COLLEGE:—The annual meeting was held in the College, Nov. 6th. There was a large attendance. Principal King gave an eloquent lecture on the Christian Ministry and its adaptation to the wants of Manitoba. In June last Manitoba College sent up twenty-seven students to the University, took eleven scholarships, aggregating \$800, and three medals, including the Governor General's; addresses were given by Lieut.-Governor Aikins, Rev. Mr. Pitblado and others. The Session opens with great promise. There are two students in the last theological year, five in the second, five in the first, and three more are expected, making 14 in all. There are 9 students in preparation for the ministry in arts. Next summer Manitoba will supply to the mission field probably not less than 18 or 20 student missionaries. Messrs. D. Anderson, B. A., and W. McK. Omand, B. A., two very promising students of Manitoba College, who graduated in theology last spring, have gone over to Edinburgh to take a winter course there. B.

Meetings of Presbyteries.

HALIFAX: Nov. 3:—The resignation of Rev. Jno. Wallace of Warwick, Bermuda, was accepted. The Augmentation Committee allocated the sums to be raised by congregations. Arrangements were made for visitation of Upper and Middle Musquodoboit. Ministers were requested to read the questions on the State of Religion and to hold conferences on the subject.—A. SIMPSON, *Clk.*

PEICOU: Nov. 3:—The deputation which visited Glenelg, East River and Caledonia gave a cheering report. The Presbytery is asked by the Synod to contribute as their share of the Augmentation Fund \$1,600. Satisfaction was expressed with the success of the movement thus far and every effort will be made to