

turer in the Gaelic Language and Literature; and A. C. Hutchison, Esq., R.C.A., Lecturer in Ecclesiastical Architecture. Such is the *personnel* of our Staff. It is composed of men of progressive spirit, energy and power, possessed of ripe Scholarship, each in his own department, as well as of broad and varied culture in other directions, all steadily and harmoniously working for the further development of the institution.

CHAPTER VII.

BUILDINGS—HALL, LIBRARY, ETC.

During the first four years of our history no attempt was made to purchase or erect College Buildings. In the Report to the Assembly in 1871 the first intimation of such a proposal appears, and it is stated that "the Board had under contemplation the obtaining of suitable buildings and grounds, which it was believed would greatly increase the efficiency of the institution." In carrying out this decision the first movement was in the direction of purchasing a brick building in Mansfield Street, which had been used for educational purposes. It was fortunate for the future of the College that this bargain was not closed. The building was altogether unsuitable, too small, and with no grounds attached, and shut in by other houses in the street. Having abandoned all thought of this and of any place down town, a most eligible site was purchased on McTavish Street adjoining McGill College, and plans and specifications were procured of buildings which were to cost along with the lot, not more than thirty thousand dollars. Even this amount was by some counted large and beyond what could be realized. The progress of events and the liberality of the friends of the institution, however, proved this opinion to be incorrect. These buildings, a picture of which appeared on the cover of the first Calendar, were not proceeded with. Other plans of buildings far more beautiful and complete were obtained and adopted, and in June, 1873, the Board reported to the Assembly that these were in course of erection and would be finished in a few months, and that thirty-five thousand dollars of the cost had then been subscribed. The canvass for further subscriptions was prosecuted with energy and success; and on the 28th day of October, 1873, the new buildings, a view of which is given on page 84, were formally opened. It was an occasion of great thankfulness and joy with professors, students and citizens, in this respect second only to other events of which we are yet to speak. A large and influential company, and among them some of our greatest benefactors who have since gone to their reward, assembled to participate in the rejoicing. Distinguished persons from a distance, as well as in the city, by their presence and assistance added interest and eclat to the meeting. Principal Caven of Knox College, the