

must be faced and overcome by faith in God and an unyielding determination to make known His gospel. It was clearly apparent to all that the number of ministers and missionaries required to be greatly increased in order to meet the wants of the Church and mission fields especially in the Province of Quebec, Central Canada and the Ottawa Valley. The spiritual destitution of these regions demanded immediate attention. Their peculiar claims upon our wealthy and generous citizens were readily acknowledged, while it was not forgotten that "the field is the world," and that the proposed institution should in no sense be local in its scope or limited in its influence to any one territory. The admirable facilities, which have been since greatly improved, for training students in Arts in connection with McGill University, were taken into account. It was well known that this, the oldest Protestant university in Canada, was pervaded by a progressive and truly Christian spirit. While rightly conservative in the bestowal of its honours, its charter was comprehensive and liberal, and made provision for the affiliation of theological and other colleges, on terms mutually advantageous to them and to the University. It was seen at once that by taking advantage of these provisions the Church would be put to no expense for the education of young men in the secular branches embraced in an Arts curriculum. The teaching of classics, mathematics and secular science was not thought to be the specific work of the Church, and in this movement it was not intended or deemed necessary to employ her funds for this purpose, but to concentrate all available resources upon theological training and missionary effort. The University threw open its library, museum, scholarships, medals and lectures to all students, and it was held that it would be specially beneficial to candidates for the ministry to mingle freely during their Arts course with students destined for other professions. They would thus gain valuable experience and larger views of things than could be otherwise enjoyed. Besides, the course in Arts in McGill University was so arranged as to give proper recognition to the strictly professional work of the Faculties of Medicine, Law, Applied Science and Theology, such a recognition in the case of Theology as it was thought wise to arrange for later, in a somewhat different way, in connection with Dalhousie College, Halifax, and Toronto University. So far the way seemed open, and the prospect bright and promising. The committee was accordingly instructed to perfect its report and have it ready for presentation to a public meeting of the three city congregations, viz., Lagauchetiere Street Church (now Erskine), St. Gabriel Street Church, and Côté Street Church (now Crescent Street). This meeting, which was a full and enthusiastic one, was held in Côté Street Church, with Mr. Redpath in the chair. What had been considered and decided in the private conferences referred to was