

course of a brilliant address on this subject, some years ago, the learned and eloquent Rev. Dr. Porter of Assembly's College, Belfast, said: "Theological Colleges wield a power for good greater than that exercised by any other educational institutions; upon them depends to a great extent, the prosperity and efficiency of the Church, and, connected with it, the enlightenment and civilization of the world." After contrasting the teaching of science and philosophy with that of theology, he further remarked, that "the school in which Christ trained His apostles was the first Christian Theological College. The students were few in number; they possessed no social rank or influence; they were despised by the great; they were sneered at by the learned; and yet their Divine Teacher had instilled into them principles, and had connected with those principles a power, which ere long overthrew the colossal fabric of heathen idolatry, and revolutionized the whole Roman Empire. That was the grandest reform ever known in the world's history; and it was effected, not by the philosophy of Plato, not by the scientific discoveries of Ptolemy, not by the power of Imperial Rome, but by the simple teachings of Galilean fishermen trained in the Theological School of the Prophet of Nazareth. . . . It is only among the followers of the Prophet of Nazareth we find the 'enthusiasm of humanity' which lifts man above self, and consecrates his time, and talents, and influence, and life to the good of his fellow-men. The students of our philosophic schools are content to speculate and criticize at home, enjoying the peaceful luxury of their well-furnished libraries, and the honours and emoluments of learned societies; but the students of our theological schools embark in a nobler career. They teach the ignorant; they counsel and reclaim the erring; they wage war with vice; they invade the realms of degradation, fanaticism and barbarism; they constitute the glorious company of missionaries and martyrs the world over. In every great effort to elevate the poor at home, and to carry the blessings of Christian training to the heathen abroad, they are the chief, and generally the sole agents." Such brief is the aim and function of Theological Colleges. A glance therefore at our colleges in Canada cannot fail to be a source of interest to all Presbyterians at this important period in the history of the Church.

KNOX COLLEGE, TORONTO.

This well-known and popular college was founded in 1845. Its first quarters were some rented rooms in a building on Front Street, between Bay and York Streets. Among the early teachers or professors who officiated might be mentioned the Rev. Henry, Rev. Dr. Burns, Rev. R. McCorkle and Rev. William Rintoul. In 1847 the Rev. Michael Willis, D.D., was appointed Principal, an office which he filled with marked ability for twenty-three years. In 1855 the college removed to their own premises, at that time at the corner of Grosvenor and St. Vincent Streets (now occupied by the Central Church). This was occupied until 1874, when the present handsome and convenient buildings were erected. The position of Knox College is in many respects exceedingly comfortable, situated on Spadina Avenue (the Broadway