

within its halls. Thus the Church, the Word, the Spirit, and the work of the College are suitably recognized in our arms. It was this thought that was cast in poetic form by the Principal in his Dedication Hymn, sung in fervent, joyful spirit by the great assembly convened at the opening of these buildings. The hymn was afterwards slightly changed by the author, and continued for years to be used in the Dining and Convocation Halls on special occasions.

The services of the opening day and following evening were such as can never be forgotten by those privileged to be present. The building was filled in every part to its utmost capacity with ministers and laymen both in the city and from a distance representing all evangelical denominations. Addresses were delivered by the Principal, the Rev. Principal Caven, Knox College, Toronto; Rev. Principal Grant, Queen's College, Kingston; Sir Wm. Dawson, Principal of McGill University; Rev. Principal Henderson, Diocesan College, Montreal; Rev. Principal Wilkes, Congregational College, and the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Moderator of the General Assembly. Mr. John Stirling, secretary, read an address to Mr. Morrice from the College Board, and Mr. Arch'd. Lee a similar one from the students. The Rev. Dr. R. H. Warden, treasurer, as representing the Board, received the Deed of Donation from the hand of Mr. Morrice, and in thanking him for the munificent gift, expressed the belief that it was the largest made to the Presbyterian Church by any one person. The proceedings were closed with the benediction. In the evening a conversazione was held in the Hall, when all the buildings were thrown open for inspection, and about two thousand persons were present. The following evening, Wednesday, a union prayer-meeting was held in the Hall, which, by consent of the pastors, took the place of the usual week-evening service in all the Presbyterian churches of the city—so cordial and universal was the appreciation of the generosity of the donor.

CHAPTER VIII.

METHODS OF FINANCE—SOURCES OF REVENUE, &c.

Financing for church purposes is not generally regarded as an easy or agreeable business. Some call it a science, others prefer a far less complementary designation for it, while not a few knit their brows, shake their heads and onimously refuse to open their mouths on the subject. We might readily make this a long and curious chapter in our history by giving incidents and details of the efforts by which we have reached our present position. But lest any should think that we claim superior wisdom in the