

dred in Quebec, for this purpose. Fifteen scholarships of from \$50 to \$80 were also secured for the following session, one of them, "The John Redpath Scholarship," being endowed by Mrs. Redpath, of Terrace Bank.

CHAPTER V.

FRENCH DEPARTMENT—LECTURES—PROFESSOR COUSSIRAT.

On the 12th of May, 1869, the Presbytery of Montreal, on motion of Professor MacVicar, resolved to overture the Synod in favour of the establishment of a French department in the College. The Board of Management cordially approved of this proposal, and the Professor and Mr. James Court, by appointment of Presbytery, presented the matter to the Synod, in McNab Street Church, Hamilton, urging at length the pressing necessity of training ministers and missionaries possessed of a knowledge of the French as well as the English language, in order to the maintenance of gospel ordinances and the extension of the Kingdom of God within the bounds of the Presbytery and in many other parts of Canada occupied by French people. The Synod received the proposal with enthusiasm. Some, who at first hesitated and saw difficulties in the way, became its warm supporters. The prayer of the overture was unanimously agreed to, and the College Board was authorized to proceed in the matter by appointing a lecturer, whose salary the Synod guaranteed. Providentially the right man was at hand, one who from the first was in the minds of the promoters of the movement. The Rev. D. Coussirat, a descendant from Huguenot stock had a few years before finished his ministerial education, having taken the degree of B. A. in the University of France and of B. D. in the College of Montauban. After being licensed and ordained in connection with the National Presbyterian Church of France, he came to the New World, and was open for an engagement. The College Board gladly secured his services as Lecturer, and in this capacity he continued to act with much efficiency and success till 1875, when family circumstances made it necessary for him to return for a time to his native country. During the five years of his absence the work of the French department was well sustained by other lecturers, chiefly by the Rev. Benjamin Carrière, and for shorter terms by the Revs. C. Doudiet, C. E. Amaron, B. D., and A. B. Cruchet. In 1880 the General Assembly unanimously appointed Mr. Coussirat "French Professor of Theology," which position he accepted. Before leaving France to return to Canada he received the distinguished honour of being made *Officier d'Academie*, and he has recently received the degree of Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*, from Queen's University, Kingston. Dr. Coussirat is an