

year 1877-78, and state that since the foundation of the institution, no session has been more successful than the one just closed. This is all the more cheering because the friends of the College were rendered despondent by the resignation of the Principal, the Rev. Dr. Snodgrass. The Trustees met at once and unanimously appointed the Rev. G. M. Grant, A.M., D.D., minister of St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, N.S., to the position of Principal and Primarius Professor of Divinity.

The number registered as actually attending last session was one hundred and six. Of this number forty-five are studying for the ministry of our Church. Five students of theology have completed their curriculum, and are under trials for license from the Presbytery of Kingston. All these gentlemen have taken the full University and Theological special course five years ago, sanctioned by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

The Library now consists of 11,000 volumes, but the success of the museum is impaired from lack of accommodation.

The general financial condition of the College is sound, but the estimated revenue and expenditure is justified by the result, except in one item of the amount received from the Church. The deficiency of revenue this year is \$1,930. The explanation is that the Church for the past two years has given us less than half the moderate sum we asked for. The sum required from the Church for those years was, in round numbers \$4,900. The amount received has been about \$2,000, or an average of \$1,000 a year. The annual grant of the Church of Scotland of £500 sterling could not much longer be expected to be continued, as the Union showed that the Church here had attained a mature growth. The report closes with a reference to the Endowment scheme, the facts of which are well known. The ordinary revenue of the College during the year amounted to \$14,264.59; and the expenditure \$17,193.96; showing a deficiency of \$1,930.37.

PRINCIPAL GRANT pointed out the necessity of endowing a third divinity professorship, especially in view of the probable withdrawal of the annual grant of £550 by the Church of Scotland. The endowment scheme so far had met with a wonderful degree of success. Forty thousand dollars and over had been raised from the little city of Kingston; and a great part of the \$50,000 required for the Arts faculty had been subscribed. Already a total of \$75,000 had been subscribed in a month, the whole of which came from Kingston, and ten not very wealthy gentlemen. The faculty of Theology was the only faculty which the Church as a Church is expected to contribute to; but individual members of the Church and other friends were at liberty to, and did, support the other faculties.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

MR. DAVID MORRICE, chairman of the Board of Management, read the annual report for 1877-78.

There have been during the past session 77 students enrolled in the various classes in the College, 38 of these being in Theology and 39 in the Literary department. Six students have completed their course of study and are now ready to apply for license. The number of French students has been 16. Of these, one has completed his course and will make an additional ordained minister for the work of French evangelization. The financial position of

the College is reported to be somewhat more favourable than at last report, though still far from being satisfactory. The debt of \$3,384.07 which had accumulated against the ordinary fund has been diminished during the year by contributions amounting to \$1,835.55. The small debt on the scholarship fund has been extinguished, and that on the library fund somewhat reduced. The ordinary revenue of the year met the expenditure. The amount of the Endowment has not been increased by any considerable amount during the year. The Board recommend the re-appointment of Rev. John Scrimger, M.A., as Lecturer in Greek and Hebrew Exegesis, and Rev. B. Ouriero as French Lecturer.

The reports of the Senata and of the Board of Examiners were also presented.

Rev. PRINCIPAL MACVICAR in a few appropriate remarks supported the report, and endorsed the appeal for the endowment of all the colleges made by Principal Grant and Mr. Morrice. The friends of the Montreal College had contributed about three times as much per member as any other portion of the Church had done for its colleges. In conclusion he expressed a wish that he might invade Ontario for the purpose of getting the assistance of his friends there in raising an Endowment Fund for Montreal College.

HALIFAX COLLEGE.

Rev. Dr. MCGREGOR presented the report of the Board of Superintendence of the Theological Hall of Halifax:—

Eighteen students were on the roll; eight for the first year, six for the second, and four for the third. The numbers in the sessions of 1875-6 and 1876-7 were thirteen and sixteen respectively. Six completed their course last year and four this year.

The library contains over seven thousand volumes and was increased during the year by valuable books and papers. The effort to raise \$100,000, \$5,000 for new college premises, and \$70,000 to increase the existing endowment, commenced in January, 1877. Nine months thereafter the Board reported that the sum of \$84,438 had been raised, and since that time large additions have been made to the amount. A college building and property, costing \$5,000, had been purchased in the neighborhood of Halifax. The shortcomings in the annual contributions are referred to with regret, and it is stated that the deficiency, amounting to \$1,161.9, is larger than ever before. This is, however, mainly attributed to the special efforts made to raise the \$100,000 above referred to, and the erroneous impression that they could at once dispense with the annual congregational collection.

MANITOBA.

Rev. Prof. BRYCE read the report of the Board of Management of Manitoba College:—

The Board report a larger number of students, and a more successful adhesion to the curriculum than ever before. During the sixth year, seven students have been prepared by the College, and have gone forward to the University examinations. The number in attendance at the College for this year was 42: in the senior department 24, and in the junior 8. The ordinary revenue from local sources has increased somewhat during the year, and the mortgage on the building is reduced to some extent. The Board suggest that the amount required for the College could be chiefly met by a more organized effort to gain the assistance of the several British Churches and societies for the work