

## MANITOBA COLLEGE.

The youngest of the sisters, is waiting, so far as theology is concerned, for the summer, and then with its own good staff, ably assisted from some of the other colleges, it will seek to do more and better than ever before for its prairie home, and, let us hope, for Eastern fields as well.

There are two points in connection with our college work, on which a few words of explanation may not be amiss. (1) "Affiliation," (2) The training of men who do not take a complete University course.

(1.) "Affiliation."—The entire course of study for the ministry extends over seven years, comprising an arts course of four years and a three years course in theology. Latterly a system has been adopted by which the work may be overtaken, if so desired, in six years. Nearly all the theological colleges are near to some university, and the classes are so arranged that a student, during his third year in arts may also take half the classes of the first year in theology, and the remaining half during the fourth year in arts, thus completing at the end of his four years arts course, his first year in theology, and finishing his whole course in two years more. In addition to the above there are in some cases what are called "options," i.e. some class, such as Hebrew, which is required in theology, is accepted in lieu of some of some other subject in the arts course.

The system by which the two courses may thus be linked together, is called "affiliation;" thus, the Presbyterian College, Halifax, is "affiliated" with Dalhousie University; Morrin gives instruction in arts; the Presbyterian College, Montreal, is affiliated with McGill; Knox has a similar arrangement with the University of Toronto; Queen's theological faculty is a part of its University; while Manitoba College has its own arts department.

(2.) In connection with all the colleges there are some men, with the ministry in view, who do not take the regular undergraduate course in arts, and the methods of meeting such cases vary. In Morrin, Queens and Manitoba, where there is an arts course, there is prescribed such parts of this course, and such other preparatory training, as the individual case may seem to require. In Knox and Montreal there is a "preparatory" or "literary" course, supplemented by lectures in the universities with which they are affiliated. In Halifax, our college having no literary course, such students receive their preparatory training in Dalhousie.

Bearing these points in mind, we might note, in addition to the above statistics, that the arts department and preparatory classes of Manitoba College have this session a larger attendance than ever before.

Knox has about *thirty* taking its preparatory course, while a large number in the University

of Toronto, with which it is affiliated, are preparing for the ministry.

Queens University has in arts *forty-four* students for the ministry, some taking the complete and some the partial course.

The Presbyterian College, Montreal, has *eighteen* in its literary course, and there are *thirty* undergraduates in McGill, with which it is affiliated, looking forward to the ministry.

The total attendance at Morrin College is given above.

In Halifax, the students in Dalhousie University, with the ministry in view, give good promise to our college for future years.

Let the colleges have a larger place both in our givings and our prayers. They need the support, and must have it, if our church would prosper, for they lie very near the foundation of all permanent progress. They need our prayers, that they may be kept free from error and become ever brightening centres of spiritual light and truth.

## CHURCH TEMPERANCE WORK.

BY THE CONVENER OF THE ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

*Work in the Congregation.*

THE fact that the Assembly has provided a simple plan for temperance work in our congregations is sufficient reason for a fresh appeal to our ministers, office-bearers, and other Christian workers to be increasingly active, especially in training up the children and youth of our church in the principles of total abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors as well as from all other evils.

If Sessions will act on the recommendation to them and take an active interest in the work, it will be of very great advantage.

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In any place where it is practicable, the women can take similar action.

In most congregations any one of these can overtake the work; but in some, especially in large towns and cities, all may find ample scope for their efforts, without coming into collision, by a mutual understanding as to what each will try to do.

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