

there are 23 in attendance, while some have been prevented by various causes from as yet giving attendance. The entire number of students in the Theological department is about 45. In the preparatory department, exclusive of those taking a full university course, there are twenty-five.

OPENING OF PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

The opening lecture of the present session was delivered by Dr. MacVicar, in Erskine church, on Wednesday, 4th October. The church was filled with a large and appreciative audience, the members of Presbytery occupying seats on the platform. The Rev. A. Young, Chairman of the College Board, presided. After praise and reading of the Scriptures, the Rev. W. McLaren, of Ottawa, offered up prayer. The lecture delivered by Dr. MacVicar was on "Materialism," which subject he handled in a very able manner. We regret that our space does not allow us to give an outline of the lecture. The Lecture, however, is to be published in full.

After the close of the lecture, Dr. MacVicar referred to the progress and prospects of the College. He stated that the total number of students enrolled up to the opening of the previous session was forty. This session ten new students are added. Allowing for changes by graduation and otherwise, there are now over forty on the roll. The library has been greatly improved by the addition of many recent works. The arrangements for instruction are more complete than heretofore. Prof. Cousirat, B.D., will conduct the French classes. Hebrew will, as formerly, be taught by Dr. De Sola, free of expense to students. Rev. John Gibson, M.A., is lecturer in Exegetics; and the College Board has appointed Rev. Wm. McLaren, of Ottawa, lecturer in Church History, for part of the session. Mr. Goodwin Gibson, M.A., Gold Medallist Toronto University, and for some time Classical Master in the Galt Grammar School, and in the Montreal High School, is engaged to give special instructions to students in their preparatory course. The Board is taking steps to secure suitable College buildings, which, if ready for occupancy before the opening of another session, will greatly increase the comfort of the students and promote the success of their work. Dr. MacVicar urged energetic and liberal measures for supplementing the resolution of the General Assembly to raise \$250,000 as an endowment for the two Colleges. "In view of the continued and increasing growth of the institution," Dr. MacVicar remarked, "it is manifest that another professor should be added to the staff not later than June next; but in order to this the endowment requires to be immediately and largely augmented."

Proceedings of Presbyteries.

THE PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO held a number of diets on the 19th and 20th of September, attended more or less by 25 ministers and 2 elders, together with several ministers from other Presbyteries.

Passing over a variety of minor details, the following may be given as the principal matters that were brought up and disposed of.

A report was read by Professor Caven, as convener of a committee previously appointed to consider the detailed arrangements to be adopted in installing Mr. D. Inglis into his office as a Professor. The report was received, and the recommendations embraced in it were adopted.