

cumstances it was hardly to be expected that he would accept the appointment, and his first act was to decline, but a committee of Synod persuaded him to consider the matter till the autumn. The reasons that prevailed with him finally to enter upon what was then such an unpromising and formidable work have not been made known, but he accepted and was inducted the first (and only Professor for four years) on the 7th October, 1868, and delivered his inaugural lecture on the subject of "miracles." Referring to the event the *Free Church Record*, *Edinburgh*, January, 1869, remarked:—"The Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, at its meeting in June last, appointed the Rev. D. H. MacVicar, of Côté Street Church, to be Professor of Divinity in the new Presbyterian College in Montreal. Mr. MacVicar is a man eminently fitted for the honorable and responsible office to which he has been called. His ministry in Côté Street Church was most effective and successful. During his ministry there, the annual additions to the list of membership sometimes exceeded a hundred. On the 7th of October last the Presbytery of Montreal met and inducted him into the Professorship, and he delivered his introductory lecture—a discourse of great ability. The new College occupies a most important position in the midst of a Popish Province, containing at least one million of Roman Catholics, on whom it is desired specially to operate."

The Professor threw himself with all his might into the discharge of his new and multifarious duties, concentrating his energies upon the founding of a College, and manifestly following the Pauline maxim, "This one thing I do," and the results since achieved far surpass the most sanguine expectations then cherished.

The session of 1868-69 opened with twenty-three students in attendance, more than double the number of the previous year. The Board of Management appointed the Rev. John Munro Gibson, of Erskine Church, now Dr. Gibson, of London, to assist Professor MacVicar, as Lecturer in Exegesis, a position which, by appointment of Synod, he continued to fill with much ability and success during five sessions. In its Report to the Synod this year the Board of Management express "their high satisfaction with the fulness and thoroughness of the instruction imparted by Professor MacVicar, and the efficiency of the services so kindly rendered by Mr. Gibson, as also the high place which these brethren have secured in the confidence and esteem of the students."

The amount subscribed for the Endowment Fund was \$27,734, and the sum actually paid \$16,754. The total income from all sources was \$3,516.29, and the expenditure \$2,969.39, leaving a balance in the treasurer's hands of \$546.90. Considerable additions were made to the Library, the Professor having raised a thousand dollars, six hundred in Montreal and four hun-