

THE COLLEGES.

KNOX COLLEGE, TORONTO:—The opening exercises, which were held on the 1st of October, were, as usual, largely attended. Convocation Hall was filled. Principal Caven, in his opening address, referred to the important work the College was doing, and the need there is for an increase of the teaching staff. There are only three professors fully engaged, and it is quite impossible that they can adequately overtake the whole field of sacred literature and science. The teaching of New Testament subjects is quite enough for a single chair. And it is evident that a chair which unites Church History and Apologetics has too much committed to it. The difficulty resolves itself into a question of ways and means. The ordinary expenses of the College are from \$12,000 to \$13,000 a year, and with a view of providing a corresponding revenue, the Board had set itself to raise an endowment fund of \$200,000. At the present time over \$163,000 have been subscribed. But it is clear that even were the whole sum named collected and available for revenue, it would only meet the present requirements of the College. Hence the importance of continued and increased efforts to make the financial basis correspond with the standard of efficiency which was acknowledged to be desirable. A considerable amount of money is also required for extending the Library and keeping it in repair. The session opens with the prospect of a large attendance.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL:—The opening ceremonies were conducted in the Morrice Hall on the evening of October 1st. The Rev. J. W. Dey, Dean of Residence, delivered the inaugural address on, "The Church in relation to the rest of the world." He pointed out the absolute need for the Church to be constantly aggressive. Her motto should ever be,—“The world for Christ!” After referring in eloquent terms to the triumphs of the Christian Church in the past through the labours of Martin Luther, John Knox and other heroes of the Reformation, the lecturer spoke of the work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, with special reference to its Home Missions and French Evangelization. He then addressed himself to the subject of

preparation on the part of students for the sacred work they had undertaken, advising them, above all things, to be students of their Bibles. Principal Macvicar, in announcing the programme for the ensuing session, said he was happy to be able to state that their number of students had now reached 76. They had twenty new students, and ten of them were from Quebec, a province which was not supposed to be productive in the matter of students; and the other ten belonged to the different other provinces. He thought they had a right to thank God, and take courage and go forward. He concluded by announcing that there would be a course of Sunday afternoon lectures in the hall, as there had been last session, and that several distinguished gentlemen had consented to act as lecturers.

MANITOBA COLLEGE opened some weeks ago with the prospect of a larger attendance than in any previous year. Principal King received some \$7,000 from a few friends in Great Britain and Ireland, which will be invested as the nucleus of an endowment fund for the College.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.—The Arts classes opened on the 1st of October. “University Day” was observed on the 16th by a lecture from Professor Goodwin. The Theological classes open on the 6th of this month.

WORK IN THE NORTH-WEST.

As the summer is drawing to a close and the Students at present labouring in the Mission Fields of the North-West are returning to College, the question of supply during the winter becomes more urgent. From almost every field letters are received from missionaries and people anxiously enquiring about the prospects of supply for the coming winter. The efforts made hitherto to secure suitable men have been only partially successful. This is a work in which the whole Church is interested, and it is also one in connection with which her honour, missionary spirit, self-sacrifice, her love of souls, and the best interests of her Master's kingdom are at stake. The Church has laboured successfully here up to the present time. Shall she allow the harvest ready to be reaped to go to waste? The Church has the means and the men necessary to over-