

plation various improvements for the coming year. We have been promised literary assistance from the Synod of New Brunswick, and we hope to be able to secure a Scotch correspondent to tell us what is going on in the mother country. We also hope to be more generally supplied with information as to what is going on among ourselves.

### THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

**APPOINTMENT OF A MISSIONARY.**—We are informed that the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland have appointed the Rev. Wm. Cochrane to be a missionary within the bounds of the Presbytery of Montreal with a special view to the St. Joseph Street mission. With their usual liberality, the Committee undertake the support of Mr. Cochrane, but expect the Presbytery to relieve them of it as much as possible.

**OPENING OF THE UNIVERSITY SESSION.**—The session of the University of Queen's College was formally opened on Wednesday, first of October. The proceedings were conducted in the Convocation Hall, in the presence of a full attendance of the public. The students mustered in their usual number, and a few graduates of the University in both arts and medicine were also present. The chair was taken, in the absence of the Principal, by the Rev. Professor Williamson, and the platform was occupied by the staff of the professors of the institution and by city clergymen and others. Among the gentlemen from a distance who were present may be mentioned the Rev. Mr. Touke of Nova Scotia. The proceedings were commenced by the reading of Scripture and by prayer, after which the Chairman delivered the inaugural address of the session. The subject matter was the advantages of collegiate education and training, addressed to the public, with suggestions and counsel addressed more particularly to the undergraduates in arts. The formal announcements of the two faculties were next made respectively by the Secretary of the Faculty of Arts (Prof. Weir) and by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (Prof. Dickson). Dr. Kennedy, the Professor of Anatomy, was then called upon to deliver his address to the medical students. This was a very comprehensive and thoughtful effort, replete with practical suggestions to the beginner in the study of medicine, and full of interest in the latter portion to the more advanced student and the practitioner. In the first part the lecturer adverted to the nature, responsibilities and duties of the medical profession, the necessity of method in the study of medicine, of thoroughness, persevering application, and other essentials to success. The second division of his address was a

comprehensive view of the science of medicine, in which he showed what constituted rational medicine, and endeavoured to point out how the boundaries of the science might be extended. The limits of a paragraph of this kind scarcely admit of a reference to the more prominent points of his argument, which might even interest the general public: suffice it to say, therefore, that the address was of a nature very favorably to impress the students with the depth of knowledge and the capacity for generalizing and communicating it which their new Professor possesses. The address was warmly characterized as an excellent one. The proceedings were concluded with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Williamson.

**QUEEN'S COLLEGE.**—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held on the 9th instant, the Rev. John C. Murray, of Paisley, in Scotland, was unanimously appointed to fill the chair of Logic and Mental and Moral Philosophy in the University of Queen's College. The new Professor was a favourite of the late Sir William Hamilton, of Edinburgh, and his testimonials are of the very highest order. Throughout his College course he distinguished himself in all the departments of study, but especially in that which he will now teach. Since leaving College, he has made Mental Philosophy his favourite study, having spent a year in Germany with that view, and having also filled the office of President of the Metaphysical Society of Edinburgh. The Rev. Mr. Murray is a son of the Provost of the Burgh of Paisley, where he is not less esteemed for his amiable disposition than for his varied accomplishments as a scholar. He is expected to reach Kingston early in November, to assume the duties of his chair. —*Kingston News.*

**THE MORRIN COLLEGE, QUEBEC.**—We learn with pleasure, from the Quebec newspapers, that the first session of Morrin College is to commence in the beginning of this month. The Corporation of the College have, we learn, acquired from the Government a site for the future College, and meanwhile the classes will meet in the Music Hall. The Rev. Edwin Hatch, B. A., late of Trinity College, Toronto, has been appointed Professor of Logic and Classics, and is for the present the only professor in the institution.

We wish the institution much success. Lower Canada with its sparse English-speaking population, and its overwhelming mass of Romanism, needs the leavening of sound Protestant institutions, in which the higher education can be afforded. —*Presbyterian.*

### THE CHURCH IN NOVA SCOTIA.

**Meeting of the Halifax Presbytery.**  
AN ordinary meeting of this Presbytery