

There are selections far more appropriate to such work than those found even in the "Dramatic Reciter" or in the "McGill Song Book," and why should we not on these tours, as well as when in the mission field, carry out the motto of our College : *Sermonem Vitæ Pretendentes*.

" 'Tis not for man to trifle. Life is brief,
 And sin is here ;
 Our age is but the falling of a leaf,
 A dropping tear.
 We have no time to sport away the hours,
 All must be earnest in a world like ours.
 Not many lives but only one have we ;
 One, only one—
 How sacred should that one life ever be,
 That narrow span ;
 Hour after hour filled with blessed toil,
 Day after day still bringing in new spoil."

PURITAS.

RISE AND PROGRESS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

The story of the origin and rapid growth of our College is to us full of interest and inspiration. We propose in this sketch to give our readers a few salient points of it.—EDITORS P. C. J.

CHAPTER I.

PRELIMINARY MEETING—ADVANTAGES OFFERED—SYNOD APPROACHED.



On a cold frosty evening in January, 1864, a few friends met in the drawing-room of Terrace Bank, at the invitation of the late Mr. John Redpath, to consider the propriety of instituting a Theological Seminary in Montreal in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church. Those present were Revs. D. H. MacVicar and A. F. Kemp, Principal Dawson, and Messrs. John Redpath, Joseph Mackay, Laird Paton, Geo. Rogers, Warden King and John Stirling—two ministers and seven layman. The very decided preponderance of the latter in this initial meeting seemed to foreshadow the place which the institution has ever since held in the confidence and esteem of the people, and the hearty and generous support which they have accorded it.

No minutes of this conference appear to have been kept, and even the precise date of it cannot be ascertained, but a committee was appointed to