

*AMONG THE COLLEGES.

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WHERE amid deserted halls, so recently silence reigned, all is now life and activity. Teachers with eager steps are pressing upward, leading higher, eager pupils, and pointing out to them as they climb, ever widening spheres of knowledge and of truth. May it all be truth, pure, scriptural, evangelical, inspiring the student aim with greater zeal for the glory of God, moulding the student life into greater likeness to Christ, filling the student heart with a broader, deeper love for his fellow men.

THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX.

The oldest college in our church, bearing with meek dignity, its chequered, but noble, history of three-quarters of a century, was opened November 2nd with a lecture by Dr. Pollock on "Church and College," in which he reviewed theological college education in the past and its character and requirements in the present. Terse, crisp, spicy, thoughtful, hopeful, "soun;" it was listened to with deep interest to the close.

The friends of the college were all in high spirits. They have "swapped" their old debt for a new professor, or lecturer, Rev. R. A. Falconer, M.A., B.D., and were jubilant over the bargain. Then, as if good things could not come singly, the attendance of students is the largest in the history of the college, there being *nineteen* of the first year, some taking part of the classes, while completing their studies in Dalhousie, *eight* of the second year, and *nine* of the third, in all *thirty-six*. (I remember attending one year when we had only *five*, all told).

Well may Dr. Currie write "We who have had so much discouragement during the years that are past, are greatly pleased, are thanking God and taking courage."

MORRIN COLLEGE, QUEBEC.

The Divinity classes opened November 2nd, with *four* students in the first year, *two* in the second and *three* in the third, *nine* in all.

The total number of students in the college in Arts and Divinity, is "thirty-nine, *twelve* having the ministry in view." Struggling bravely amid many difficulties, it is truly a "light shining in a dark place." A quarter of a century hence may it be able to look back from a proud eminence, in more senses than one, and recount its victories for truth.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

October 5th was the opening day, and like its Maritime sister, this goodly institution rejoiced in an addition to its teaching staff. The inaugural lecture was by Rev. James Ross, M.A., B.

D., of Perth, the newly inducted professor, on "The Preacher for the Age." (Is not the preacher for this as well as every other age, a man, a whole man, who knows God, knows his Bible, knows himself, knows men, and knows what they are thinking and talking about.)

The lecture was an excellent one. Everybody felt that the new professor was the right man in the right place, and not an ungratifying phase of his coming, is, to the college authorities at least, that the new chair is no burden to them, a generous friend in Montreal having provided the whole of its support for a term of five years, and longer, if not endowed by that time.

This college is just twenty-five years old, and, Principal MacVicar looking back to the day of small things said, "It is the twenty-fifth session since I began my work as its first and sole professor in the basement of Erskine Church. We had then little beyond our charter and faith in God and his people." What a grand change these years have wrought! There are in attendance *five* students taking a post graduate course, and *one* taking a special course, while in the regular theological classes there are *thirty-three*, *eight* in the third year, *sixteen* in the second year, and *nine* in the first, four of the latter taking part of the classes, while completing the arts course,

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.

Midway, in time, between the college by the sea and that beneath the shadow of Mount Royal stands Queen's, with its fifty-one strong years behind it, and, like all the others, gathering, with age, not decay, but added strength, as it starts with fresh vigor on the "home stretch" of the century.

On November 2nd, the Divinity Hall was formally opened with a lecture by Prof. Mowat, on, the fifth General Presbyterian Council. The students of theology for the current term are as follows: first year, *ten*, second year *five*, third year *twelve*, in all *twenty-seven* in the regular classes, while *seven* others are taking a post graduate course

KNOX COLLEGE, TORONTO.

Knox, *clarum et venerabile nomen*, may it ever stand as bravely for the same truth, as he whose name it has borne since disruption times, near half a century ago.

On October 5th, it was opened with a lecture by the venerable Dr. Gregg, on "Dr. Thomas Chalmers," another Scotchman, who, like Knox, will live while "Scotland" lives.

"The number of students in theology is: In the first year *thirty-eight*, in the second year *eighteen*, and in the third *twenty-six*," in all *eighty-two*. "Some in the first year are taking only half of the classes, under the system of options in the University. The second and third years are exclusively in theology."