

McKerracher, J. Scrimger, M.A., W. Armstrong, M.A. The reports of the various missionaries laboring in the different mission fields taken up by the Society during the last summer, were highly encouraging. A financial statement will be given in a future number of the RECORD.

### KNOX COLLEGE.—INDUCTION OF PROF. INGLIS AND OPENING OF SESSION.

Wednesday, 4th Oct., was a day of great interest to all the friends of Knox College. The Presbytery of Toronto, in accordance with the instructions of the General Assembly, had appointed the evening of that day for the induction of the Rev. David Inglis as Professor of Systematic Theology in Knox College, and the Senate of the College had appointed the opening lecture to be delivered by Prof. Inglis in Knox Church. At the appointed hour the church was filled with a large congregation, representing all the congregations in the city, and including many ministers from various sections of the Church. Rev. J. Pringle, of Brampton, Moderator of Presbytery, presided at the induction, addressed the questions to the Professor, and offered up prayer. Thereafter, an appropriate and most impressive address was delivered by Dr. Topp, to the newly inducted Professor, who then proceeded to deliver his inaugural lecture: The subject was, "Faith in relation to the theories and discoveries of modern science." The subject was discussed with great acuteness and power, and gave good proof of the Professor's ability to grapple with those questions which some of the leading scientific men of the present day are raising. The proceedings were closed with prayer by the Rev. John McTavish, of Woodville.

In connection with the induction of Professor Inglis as Professor in Knox College, we may refer to the very gratifying manner in which, not only the members of the McNab Street Church in Hamilton, but those connected with the other congregations, and the citizens generally, testified their regard for Mr. Inglis on leaving the city where, for sixteen years, he had faithfully labored in the Gospel ministry. At a meeting of the citizens largely attended, and representing all denominations and all classes in the community, an address was presented to Mr. Inglis, with a still more substantial token of esteem in the shape of a purse of fifteen hundred dollars.

It was most gratifying to see these tokens of respect and esteem tendered to one who has been called to occupy such an important post in Knox College. We sympathise at the same time with the congregation that has been called upon to part with a loved pastor. It is somewhat singular to note that this is the third time, since 1844, that the friends in Hamilton have been called upon to give up a pastor at the call of the supreme Court of the Church. First, the late Rev. Alex. Gale was taken from Hamilton to undertake the superintendence of the Toronto Academy, and the preparatory studies of young men looking forward to the ministry. Then Prof. Young was called from the same congregation in 1853 to succeed the late Prof. Esson. Now Prof. Inglis has been called to the chair of Systematic Theology. We are sure it is the wish and prayer of the Church at large, that those who have now surrendered a highly esteemed pastor at the call of the General Assembly, may now obtain an able and faithful servant of God, to break unto them the bread of life.

We are happy to state that Knox College opens in circumstances of great promise and encouragement. In the first or entering Theological class