

lees to New Mills and Charlo, *Miramichi*. Rev. Willard Macdonald, of Hampton, to St. Paul's Church, Fredericton, N.B. Rev. R. G. McBeth, of Carman, *Rock Lake*, to Augustine Church, Winnipeg. Rev. F. C. Simpson, of Melbourne, Ont., to Alma Street Ch., St. Thomas, London. Rev. James Stevens, of Salina, to Sussex, *St. John*. Rev. Charles MacKay, late of Oxford, N.S., to Richmond Bay East, *P.E. Island*. Rev. Gustavus Munro, of Embro, to Harriston, *Paris*, accepted. Rev. D. A. Thomson, of Hastings, to Napanee, *Kingston*, declined. Rev. R. S. Whidden to Musquodoboit, *Halifax*. Rev. James Little, of Underwood, to Proffine, *London*. Mr. Richard Whiteman, of Queen's College, to Millbrooke and Garden Hills, *Kingston*. Rev. Mr. McKechnie to Mattawa, *Lanark and Renfrew*. Mr. Tufts has declined the call to Hawkesbury, Ottawa.

### THE COLLEGES.

**QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY** :—The public opening of the Theological classes took place on Monday evening, 2nd Nov. in Convocation Hall. After announcements etc., Rev. J. Fowler M.A. who has recently been appointed Professor delivered his inaugural on "the Antiquity of Man in America." He showed by a large induction of evidence that man must have existed before the close of the glacial period, human remains and manufactured articles being found under the glacial debris in the Central States and in the glacial gravel under the immense lava formation of the Pacific Slope. Then followed an examination of the means of approximating the length of time which has elapsed since the recession of the ice sheet. The careful examinations and deductions of the most eminent American Scientists were fully described. These are founded on the excavation of waterfalls, the erosion of rivers and the gradual filling up of the lakes and pot holes. The Niagara gorge has been excavated since the ice sheet receded from the locality, but Lyell's estimate of 35,000 years was founded on data now proved to have been incorrect. That period can now on most accurate data be reduced to 7,500 years. And it is remarkable that investigations extending from the Atlantic coast to the far west have produced averages of the same amount as the probable lapse of time involved. It would thus appear that we are much nearer the ice age than is generally supposed. The bearing of the matter on Scripture interpretation was then examined, and it was clearly shown that while there is in the Old Testament a definite chronology from the times of Abraham, that there is none before that period, all attempts to construct one having failed. The chronological periods of Ussher, the Septuagint etc. may be lengthened or shortened by scientific investigation, but this does not affect the great purposes for which revelation has been given.

The Author of both the Bible and the material universe has fixed the eternal truth that the heavens and the earth may pass away, but the word of the Lord will stand fast for ever.

All departments of the University are now in full operation with a good attendance of students. The number in Arts is fifteen in advance of last year. The Theological Examinations, matriculations, &c., were held on Oct. 31st, the Medical matriculations at the same time.

**PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX** :—The session was opened on Wednesday, Nov. 4. The introductory lecture was delivered in Chalmers Church, where a large congregation assembled to hear Professor Currie D.D. who gave a very full historic sketch of ministerial education in the Maritime Provinces, beginning with the efforts of Dr. Thomas McCulloch in Pictou, in the early years of this century. The first Professor of Theology (Dr. Thomas McCulloch) was appointed in 1820. From that time till now 252 have been graduated. Of the 198 ministers of the Maritime Synod 118 have been educated wholly or in part in our Hall. Dr. Currie looks forward to a still more useful career for the college. The attendance this session is about 30.

### NEW CHURCHES.

At *Maisonneuve*, Montreal, the church erected for the new congregation in that important and historic suburb was opened for worship on the 11th of October. The Rev. A. J. Mowatt conducted the services in the forenoon and Rev. Dr. Warden in the evening. The prospects of the young congregation are most hopeful. The new church at *Arnprior* was dedicated on the 18th of October, by Principal Grant and Rev. W. Raney. The old Church was built in 1859, by the U. P. congregation whose minister was Rev. Thomas Watson, and was transferred to the Presbyterians in connection with the Church of Scotland in 1863. Rev. D. J. Maclean, the present pastor, has been here many years and is to be congratulated on this forward movement. At *Lower Southampton*, N.B., a branch of the Prince William congregation, a very beautiful church was dedicated on Oct. 4th. The pastor, Rev. William Ross, was assisted by his co-presbyters Rev. K. Mackay and Rev. Daniel Fiske and also by the pastors of three different Baptist denominations! In 1874, when Mr. Ross commenced his work here, there were two old churches, both out of repair. The old have been renewed and four new churches have been erected within the bounds of his congregation. A new church has been erected, also at *Waverley*, near Halifax. It was opened for divine worship by Principal Forrest on the 12th of October. St. Paul's Church, *Truro*, has been enlarged and greatly improved. At