

was \$7,776.85; and for ordinary revenue \$1,215.14. The disbursements amounted to \$1,338.95, leaving a balance due the treasurer of \$123.81. It was thus the day of small things in all respects; and the outlook such as demanded the exercise of faith and courage. The disappointment caused by the declinature of Professor Young was disheartening, and it was felt that to continue temporary arrangements would speedily prove fatal, and there were not lacking distant onlookers who predicted total collapse. The Board, therefore, exerted itself to overcome these difficulties and avert such an issue. The great problem was to secure the right man to undertake the work. A false step at this stage would be most serious. He must be a man of versatility, both willing and able to perform all sorts of duties, ready to face personal risks, to finance, to teach, to attract students, secure buildings, library and endowments, and, withal, to meet the expectations of the people and satisfy the General Synod. The task seemed large and arduous, and it is not surprising that, in order to its right performance, the thoughts of some turned naturally to other lands than Canada as likely to furnish "the coming man." Accordingly overtures were made to the Rev. Dr. Marcus Dods, now of Edinburgh; Dr. Bruce, then of Broughty Ferry; Dr. McCosh, of Princeton, and Dr. Ormiston, of New York. These well-meant efforts, however, proved fruitless. The distinguished gentlemen named preferred to continue the work in which they were engaged, and, therefore, Canada could secure the services of none of them, at any rate, for such a very general initial and uncomfortable Collegiate work as that contemplated. Providence had something else in store for us, and, as the event has shown, the enterprise was to be undertaken by Canadian rather than foreign talent; and our history, so far as already made during more than a quarter of a century, seems to warrant the inference that the country has reached a stage of development when intellectual toilers may without impropriety cherish a modest sense of self-reliance.

When the General Synod met in Erskine Church, Montreal, June 1868, the condition of things being such as we have described, the assembled ministers and elders were almost unanimously of opinion that it was unnecessary and unwise to continue to look abroad for the right man.

The Rev. D. H. MacVicar, pastor of Côté Street Church, Montreal, was accordingly appointed "Professor of Divinity"—a title far too definite and narrow, and which included only a part, doubtless the most congenial part, of the many duties he was expected to perform. He had then been eight years the minister of one of the strongest and most influential congregations in the Church. The people had shown their warm appreciation of him during his entire pastorate, as they have since manifested the same in very practical and beneficial forms in relation to the College. In the cir-