

fested in very practical and beneficial forms in relation to the College. In these circumstances it would have been in no way surprising had he at once declined. He was persuaded, however, to consider the matter till the fall, when he accepted, and was inducted as the first Professor on the 7th Oct., 1868, and delivered his inaugural Lecture on the subject of "Miracles." Referring to the event the *Free Church Record, Edinburgh*, January, 1869, remarked: "The Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, at its meeting in June last, appointed the Rev. D. H. MacVicar, of Côté St. Church, to be Professor of Divinity in the New Presbyterian College in Montreal. Mr. MacVicar is a man eminently fitted for the honorable and responsible office to which he has been called. His Ministry in Côté Street Church was most effective and successful. During his ministry there, the annual additions to the list of membership sometimes exceeded a hundred. On the 7th of Oct. last the Presbytery of Montreal met and inducted him into the Professorship, and he delivered his introductory lecture, a discourse of great ability. The New College occupies a most important position in the midst of a Popish Province, containing at least one million of Roman Catholics, on whom it is desired specially to operate." We may add that the new Professor threw himself into every department of the work with all his might, following, as it would seem, the Pauline maxim, "this one thing I do," and the results already realized far surpass the most sanguine expectations then cherished.

The Session of 1868-69 opened with twenty-three students in attendance, more than double the previous year. The Board appointed the Rev. J. M. Gibson, then of Erskine Church, now Dr. Gibson of London, England, to assist Professor MacVicar, as Lecturer in Exegetics, a position which, by appointment of Synod, he continued to fill with much ability and success during five sessions.

In its Report to the Synod this year the Board of Management express "their high satisfaction with the fulness and thoroughness of the instruction imparted by Professor MacVicar, and the efficiency of the services so kindly rendered by Mr. Gibson, as also the high place which these brethren have secured in the confidence and esteem of the students."

The amount subscribed for the Endowment Fund was \$27,734 and the sum actually paid \$16,754. The total income from all sources was \$3516.29; and the expenditure \$2969.39, leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$546.90. Considerable additions were made to the library, and fifteen scholarships of from \$50 to \$60 were provided for the following Session, one of them, "The John Redpath Scholarship" being endowed by Mrs. Redpath, of Terrace Bank.

Thus the permanent establishment of a Theological Seminary in Montreal was practically assured.