

isterial education, the first being preparatory to the study of theology, and embracing Languages and Mathematics, Logic and Rhetoric, Moral and Natural Philosophy, branches of learning which were taught in our own Seminary in Truro, and by our own Professors Drs. Ross and Lyall, and the late Professor McCulloch; the second more directly theological, and the branches taught bearing directly on the fitting of the student for the work of the Christian ministry. This department, then as now, was under the charge of the Rev. Drs. King and Smith and Professor McKnight.

When the Synod consented to coöperate with other bodies to resuscitate Dalhousie College as a Provincial Institution it was with the object of elevating and improving Provincial Education by securing a larger staff of Instructors, and by means of the division of labour, a higher standard of excellence in all the branches of learning required to fit our young men for public and professional life, but especially for the study of divinity. That project has become an established fact, and a decided success; and it is quite in place in this report to record the successful close of another session of Dalhousie College. The number of students in attendance during the Session closing in April last was 53, of whom 29 were undergraduates and 24 general students. When it is recollected that two of these Professors are our own ministers, paid from our own funds, and that a very large proportion of the students are the children of our own people, it will be evident that the facts noted have a deep interest for this Synod.

And the Board would add that though they, as a Board, had no official charge of the students of our church attending Dalhousie College, yet are they pleased to state that they know from information furnished by our city ministers, that these young men were regular attendants on Divine Ordinances on the Lord's Day, and so far as time would admit frequently present at prayer meetings and Bible classes.

The opening and closing of the theological classes were contemporaneous with the commencement and close of the Dalhousie

session. The Introductory Lecture was delivered by Professor McKnight, on the study of the Syriac, and was followed by an address by Rev. Wm. Maxwell.—Nothing very special requires notice respecting the course itself. At its close which was an interesting occasion, and attended by a goodly number of Dalhousie students, Dr. King informed the Board that he had pursued his usual course, lecturing one hour daily on theology and another on Church History with the usual examinations, that the health of the students and of the Professors had been good, and that although the number of the students was very small, for there were only six of the second year,—of the first, that in attention progress and good conduct they had not been surpassed by any previous class.

Dr. Smith also speaks favourably of the attention of the class to the interesting studies of his department, which this year included antiquities, and Sacred Geography in reference to the Ancient Kingdoms of the earth, Asiatic and African, the land of Canaan with its Ancient people, the same land as occupied by Israel and again as divided into Roman Provinces. A second part of the course was in Geology as bearing on Divine Revelation, with an examination of the alleged conflict between Science and Scripture, and the third and closing part consisted of lectures on the Natural History, Botany and Meteorology of Palestine, all the topics being used for the illustration of Scripture or the confirmation of its Divine authority. Several Books of Scripture were also read in Greek.

Rev. Professor McKnight's report shews that the usual ground has been gone over by the junior class in Hebrew, and by the senior classes in Hebrew and cognate languages.

At the close of the session the students presented an address to Dr. King, expressing their gratitude and affection, and their desire that as Providence had given him improved health during the whole session that the Dr. would not act on the notice of retirement given at last meeting of Synod.

The whole number of our theological students the Board is happy to state, is