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Opening of the Theological Seminary.

The Seminary of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia was opened at the West River, on Wednesday the 3rd inst. The Rev. Messrs. McGilvery, McCulloch, Bayne and Patterson, with Mr Daniel Cameron, of the Board of Superintendance, were present, together with the Rev James Waddell, Murdoch McPherson, Esq. of Norway House, and John Yors-ton, John McKinlay, and David Matheson Esqs. There was also a large attendance of the friends of the Institution from the neighborhood.

The business of the day was commenced by prayer by the Rev. James Bayne, after which the Rev. Professor Ross delivered an admirable dissertation upon Ancient Mythology. In his prefatory remarks he entered somewhat extensively into the etymology of the term *Mythology*, showing that the meaning commonly attached to it gave a very inadequate idea of its true signification; and that instead of comprehending a confused mass of superstition and fable, it in reality presents a symbolical representation of the Science and Philosophy of the Ancients, embracing many truths and physical facts which our own experience and modern research only tend to confirm. One important object

gained by the learned Professor and to which his lecture evidently tended, was to redeem Classic Literature from the inferior position to which some modern Educational Reformers would reduce it.

After the delivery of the Lecture, the Students were suitably addressed by the members of the Board and other gentlemen present, and the business was concluded with prayer by the Rev. James Waddell.

The number of Students expected to attend the present session is 29, of whom there were present 25, in various stages of advancement, and many of them are prepared to enter upon the study of Natural Philosophy.

The proceedings were all that the warmest friends of the Institution and the Church could anticipate, and not the least gratifying incident of the day was the generous manner in which the proprietors of the Hall placed it at the sole disposal of the Board of Superintendance, for the accommodation of the Professor in his preparations for the Philosophical and Chemical Classes.

Judging from the successful operation of the Seminary and the increasing interest manifested in its welfare, the time cannot be far distant when the service of an additional Professor will be required.—*Com.*