

12th of January. Two other students were for a time laid aside by the same disease; but they were mercifully spared, and at length enabled to resume their studies. Our trials, however, did not terminate here. Professor McKenzie had been a good deal affected by the labours attending his mission to Prince Edward's Island, and was evidently in a very infirm state of health at the commencement of the session. He was able, however, to enter upon the business of his classes, and carried them on till the Christmas holidays; but from that period he was unable to resume his public duties. His strength gradually gave way, under the influence of a disease which affected his liver; and at length, on the 12th of March, he died, blessed till the last with the full possession of his mental powers, and in the enjoyment of that peace of God which passeth all understanding. It is unnecessary to tell this Synod how heavy the loss is which this church has sustained, in this early removal of one who was admirably fitted for the office which he held. The impression produced by his death was deep, and extensively felt, and his memory will long be cherished in this land. It may be permitted to one who enjoyed an intimate personal acquaintance with him in Scotland, and who was closely associated with him in his college labours here, to add, that in Professor McKenzie he had a most able coadjutor, a judicious counsellor, a friend in whose sympathy and warm affection he often found relief when meeting with what was painful to bear,—and that by his death he individually has sustained a loss which he feels to be irreparable.

The business of the classes which were thus deprived of the valuable services of Professor McKenzie, was carried on to the close of the session by Messrs Honeyman and Romans; and every acknowledgment is due to these gentlemen for the readiness and efficiency with which they gave themselves to the discharge of the duties which were thus unexpectedly devolved upon them.

Notwithstanding the sore afflictions with which we have been visited, the session of last winter presents much cause of thankfulness, and ground of encouragement. There is an increase in the number of students. The zeal and success with which they prosecuted the business of their respective classes, and their whole deportment, have been highly satisfactory: and may well warrant

the expectation that much good may speedily be realized from the institution which has been erected.

It is, perhaps, time now for the Synod to have their attention directed to what may be the most advisable mode in which the church may take a direct superintendence of the students, and satisfy itself at the close of each session as to the progress which the students may have been making in their studies.

It was at the suggestion of Professor McKenzie, that the Committee proposed the recommendation which was adopted by the Synod last year, as to the exacting of fees from the students attending the preliminary classes. In the course of the summer, however, having had opportunities of knowing more fully the circumstances of our students, and what was the practice particularly in Toronto, he altered his opinion as to the propriety of this, and deemed it advisable at the commencement of the session to decline exacting fees: and accordingly none were received.

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REV. JOHN STEWART OF NEW GLASGOW.

Letters have been received from the Rev. Mr. Stewart of New Glasgow, who is now prosecuting the mission upon which he was sent to Scotland. Mr. Stewart, in this correspondence, besides mentioning the favourable reception which he has met with from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church, refers to another matter, on which we conceive it necessary to make some remarks.

The point to which Mr. Stewart refers is the view which, it seems, some have taken of the rate of subscription which would be held as a discharge of their duty towards the Professorial Fund.—He complains that he has been misunderstood and misrepresented as recommending, that the annual payment of each subscriber should be at the rate of one dollar a year; and that to this may be ascribed, in a great measure, the smallness of the sum that has been collected. It is in writing from Scotland that he refers to this. Whether he does so, because it is there that the misrepresentation has met him, or because the Colonial Committee there may have been looking closely into what has been done here in fulfilment of the promises which have been held out to them, we do not know. But we can easily understand