

in this class, the subject of Biblical Antiquities was taken up—Jahn's work on this topic being used as a text-book. I also lectured once a week to this class. After a few introductory lectures, which discussed the Shemitic Languages and the place the Hebrew holds among them, I took up the subject of Biblical criticism, tracing the history of the Hebrew Text down to the present time, and describing the various sources of critical emendation. The Text of the New Testament will be dealt with in a similar manner during the first part of next Session.

During the term, the students of the third year, besides preparing two exercises in the translation of English into Hebrew, wrote two essays on subjects connected with class-work—one on the Shemitic Languages, and the other on the History of the Transmission of the Hebrew Text. They also gave in a Hebrew and a Greek critical exercise on subjects prescribed at the close of the preceding session. The student of the first year also wrote the two above named essays.

I have pleasure in testifying to the correct deportment, commendable diligence, and good progress of the students.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN CURRIE.

Halifax, April 11th, 1872.

NO. OF STUDENTS.

Besides the five students who attended our own Hall, four attended Free College, Edinburgh; three attended Union Theological Seminary, New York; and four at Princeton. The following list will shew the whole number, their degree of advancement as determined by time, and their place of study. It should be remembered, however, that the term in Princeton and New York is fully one-third longer than in Halifax.

First Year—Halifax—Mr. C. McNaughton. Princeton—Mr. J. Richards.

Second Year—Halifax—(None.) Edinburgh, Messrs. E. A. Miller, H. McD. Scott, and John Wallace. New York—Messrs. T. Christie, I. Baird and John Gillis. Princeton—L. G. McNeill and J. Rosborough.

Third Year—Halifax—Messrs. J. Annand, A. F. Thompson, J. C. Meek, and J. Leishman. Edinburgh—Mr. John Murray. Princeton—Mr. Isaac Simpson.

It will thus be seen that sixteen young men from the Lower Provinces have prosecuted their Theological studies during the past winter. Of these, Messrs. Annand, Thompson and Meek have been licensed by the Halifax Presbytery, Mr. Leishman by the Presbytery of St. John, Messrs. Simpson, McNeill and Rosborough by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, New Jersey,

and Mr. John Murray has received trials and will probably be licensed by Halifax Presbytery about the 1st July.

The Session closed on the 11th of April, the Board meeting the Students and Professors, and spending some time in devotional exercises, with appropriate addresses to the Students.

PRIZES.

Prizes and Bursaries had previously been adjudicated and given as follows:

I. For the Best Examination in Barrow's Introduction to the Bible.

Senior Class.—First Prize by Professor McKnight, \$40, to Mr. J. Annand. Second Prize by Mr. Thos. Bayne, \$15, to Mr. J. C. Meek.

Junior Class.—First Prize by C. D. Hunter, Esq., \$40, to Mr. S. McNaughton.

II. For Best Examination in New Testament Greek.

By Mr Thos. Bayne, Mr S. McNaughton, \$25.

III. For Best Examination in Hebrew.

Senior Class.—By mutual agreement, no Competition.

Junior Class.—By R. S. McCurdy, Esq., \$15, equally divided between Messrs. S. McNaughton and Thomas Murray.

IV. Gaelic Bursaries.

By Home Mission Board—Forty dollars each to Mr. John Murray, Free College, Edinburgh, and attending Dr. McLaughlin's Gaelic Class, and Mr. Charles McLean, Student of Dalhousie College.

V. The Matheson Bursary.

Divided between three Students—two Theological and one at Dalhousie, the last \$ not yet drawn.

LEGACIES.

The Board has been notified of two legacies bequeathed by friends of education and religion, to encourage deserving young men of limited means, and to be given as Bursaries, the first by George Kerr, Esq., of Chatham, a man of public spirit and a member of the Church of Scotland, consisting of \$1000, to be invested and the annual interest to constitute the Bursary.

The other consists of about the same sum, bequeathed by the late Isaac Logan, Esq., of Truro, formerly of Onslow, and well known as a faithful friend of our church and schemes, who, by his contributions and by his pen, under the signature of Prompter, aided ministerial education in the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia many years ago. The Bequest is similar to the one already referred to in object and conditions; and when available, will be accompanied by a sum nearly equal, the interest of which will be devoted to the annual improvement of the Library.