

reported "that one student had died—that eleven were still attending and making good progress, but suffering for the want of an adequate supply of appropriate books."

Of the mode of conducting the Hall at this time, Rev. R. S. Patterson gave me his recollections shortly before his death as follows:—

"The time during which we studied theology was four years. I do not remember that we had any regular sessions. We were all engaged in teaching schools. We attended the Hall on Saturdays, as far as I can remember, once a month, during the whole four years. The most that we received in the way of lectures was remarks on the Confession of Faith. For our knowledge of divinity we had to depend in a good measure upon our reading. When we met in the Hall we delivered discourses on subjects prescribed to us by the Professor. These were criticised by him, and his criticisms were particularly valuable. Although we were obliged to write all our discourses, we were not permitted to read them. The Professor took from us the manuscript, and if we failed to remember it, he told us. This was a kindness to us, as we did not think of reading, when we entered upon the work of preaching. I have never yet read a sermon during my life, either in the Hall or since I left it."

From others of the class we gathered that the meetings were more frequent than he has said, once a fortnight, or perhaps sometimes weekly. And, doubtless by a slip of memory, Mr. P. omitted among their exercises the reading of Hebrew.

The names of the first class, according to the best information I could obtain, were Angus McGillivray, Michael McCulloch, James McGregor, Duncan McDonald, John McDonald, Hugh Ross, Hugh Dunbar, David Fraser, John L. Murdoch, John McLean, R. S. Patterson, and Archibald Patterson. Curiously enough, they all belonged to Pictou County,—not all born in it, but all residents there. This was owing not so much to the institution being located there but to the fact that previous to the establishment of it, the ministers there had interested themselves in preparing young men to enter it.

Among a body of men, even of such a limited number, engaging in some special work for the Lord, or in special training for his work, it often happens that the Lord of the harvest chooses