

continued to reside in or near Toronto during the summer recess, Mr. Eason has met with them daily for three hours: one hour in the morning for reading and examining in Hebrew Antiquities and on such works as Butler's Analogy; and two hours in the forenoon for the languages. The Committee recommend, that, in any future arrangement with Mr. Eason, special attention shall be paid to a fixed arrangement for the superintendance of such young men as may have their residence in Toronto; and, moreover, that means be used by both Professors for looking after the students of the young men of the seminary, during the recess, wherever they may have their residence.

Since the session closed, six of the advanced students have been employed as catechists in different places under the charge of the Home Mission Committee.

The Committee, through the Convener, issued, in the Record for January last, a circular to ministers on the subject of funds. The amount collected by congregations, and other ways, has been £327 4s. 10d. The sum received in addition from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, £150 sterling, has been entirely devoted, as designed, to the purchase of books.

The committee have peculiar pleasure in acknowledging the handsome donation of one hundred pounds from Isaac Buchanan, Esq., with a promise of a similar sum for the next four years.—Such liberal benefactions are well entitled to the grateful thanks of the Church. The Committee recommend that the interest of such donations as those of Mr. Buchanan should be appropriated as bursaries to young men, on regular competition.

Since the arrival of Dr. Burns at Toronto, the College Committee have had repeated meetings with him, and have learnt from him the efforts which had been made in Scotland on behalf of the Library of the Institute. Besides the above sum from the Colonial Committee, he had collected, chiefly among his friends, £40 sterling, which had been laid out in the purchase of works in Theology, and in paying insurance and expense of transfer. The greater part of those books he brought with him, and they are at present in the course of being arranged in the Library and of being catalogued in systematic order, under the charge of Dr. Burns and Mr. Eason, assisted by the students. The number of volumes cannot as yet be exactly ascertained, but Dr. Burns is of opinion that there cannot be fewer than two thousand volumes. A vote of thanks to the Committee of the Free Church and other generous donors of books and funds, has been transmitted, by the Committee; and a statement, similar to that issued by Dr. Burns, before leaving Scotland, in order to be circulated both in this country and in Britain, in the hope of obtaining additional donations, and of interesting the friends of the Presbyterian Church in behalf of the seminary.

With regard to the future arrangements for the seminary, your Committee would offer the following recommendations to the notice of the Synod.

1. That a Committee of Synod be appointed, who, under the designation of "the College Committee," shall have entrusted to them the whole concerns of the Institution, in its funds, arrangements for teaching, and superintendence of students, including their examination prior to admission, and afterwards; and this Committee shall have specially the power of deciding at what period young men may be admitted to be taken on trials by Presbyteries. Of this Committee, the professors shall be *ex-officio* members, and the Treasurer of the College Fund. They shall keep full and regular minutes of all their proceedings.

2. The Committee recommend that Mr. Eason's appointment as Professor of the elementary branches, be confirmed and made permanent, and that he and Dr. Burns shall be formally installed in their Professorships by the Synod at their present meeting, and shall be requested to read inaugural addresses.

3. That, if possible, an ordinary Professor of Systematic Theology and Church History, and a teacher of Biblical criticism and the literature of Theology, be obtained from the Free Church of Scotland; for which purpose the College Committee when appointed, will make application to the Colonial Committee at Edinburgh, it being understood that one of these professors shall devote himself wholly to the business of tuition.

4. The College Committee shall arrange with the Professors the parts or portions of the system of instruction which may be allotted to each.

The Committee do not at present recommend the erection of buildings for the College, and for many reasons which will occur to the Synod: they are glad to think it is the less necessary, as both Dr. Burns and Mr. Eason have made provision in their houses respectively for class rooms, and a room for the Library.

The Committee recommend that the Synod should instantly declare the Institution a fixed and permanent one, and that the City of Toronto shall be its seat, leaving it at the same time in the power of the College Committee, to station one or more of the Professors for a time in one or other of the localities of most note in the Province, if the convenience of students residing in these localities, or other considerations, should at any time require such an arrangement. The Committee also recommend that the Synod will, on the nomination of the Council of Superintendence enjoin them to draw up and digest a plan for the Institution, such as shall commend itself to the enlightened judgment of all the members and friends of the Church, and such as shall be warranted by the experience through which as a Church we have passed, and in harmony with the position which the Free Presbyterian Church of Canada may be expected to occupy among the Evangelical Churches of the Province.

Without anticipating any ultimate arrangements which may be made, either as to the public educational Institutions of the Province, or the relation which private Seminaries for Theology for the different denominations may occupy in regard to them, your Committee most earnestly press upon the Synod to dismiss from their minds, at present, all considerations, but those which regard the efficiency of the Ministry in our own body. We would indeed cling to the hope that the Literary and Philosophical education which is properly preparatory to the culture of Theology, may, by the adoption of an enlarged and liberal policy, be yet obtained at the Provincial University; and we ought always to assert our claim to a fair share and interest in said University; and on this account we should aim at the foundation of a Theological Seminary only. But having a distinct reference to obstacles that may be found to stand in the way of any such arrangements as now referred to, we conceive that the plan of our Seminary should be of such a nature as to admit of the appointment of Professors or tutors for all the branches. Indeed we would decidedly give it as our opinion that a Professorship of Moral Science ought to be considered as an essential part of a Seminary purely Theological, considering that moral science stands at the very threshold of Theology, and that right views of this department are necessarily connected with sound views of divine truth. Considering also the disadvantages under which many of the young men of the Province, who may aspire at the studies of Theology, have to labour in a young country like this, a teacher of languages, and of such elementary branches as bear directly on the literature of Theology, is essentially requisite.

In conclusion, your Committee strongly press it on the attention of all the members of Synod, both Ministers and Elders, to look out in their respective congregations of such hopeful young men, as from their gifts and piety may be properly encouraged to devote themselves to the Church. They would further press on the Synod and on the College Council that may be named, the paramount importance of watching over and cherishing the personal religion of the young men; cultivating and calling into exercise devotional habits in connexion with study; and watching over their moral habits and demeanor with parental care.

WILLIAM RINTOUL,  
Chairman of Committee.

The above Report having been submitted to the Synod at Cobourg, was unanimously approved, and the following Committee named to carry its recommendations into effect:

The Rev. WILLIAM RINTOUL, Streetsville, Chairman.

ALEXANDER GALT, Hamilton.  
M. Y. STARR, Dundas.  
JOHN BATES, Galt.  
JAMES HARRIS, Toronto.

THOMAS ALEXANDER, Cobourg.  
GEORGE CHURCH, Saltfleet.

Messrs. James Paterson, J. F. Westland, Andrew Jeffrey, John Redpath, Elders; with the Professors and Treasurer, *ex-officio* Members of Committee.

Extract from the Circular published by Dr. Burns, in February last.

"In a young country which is rapidly filling up, the establishment of a Library, either for the use of students or the public at large, is an important era; and the Synod of Canada, on their nomination of Dr. Burns to the Chair of Theology, gave him a special commission "to collect in Great Britain, or any part of Europe, books and philosophical apparatus for the use of their institution." In order to assist Dr. Burns in this department, the Colonial Committee have not only granted a donation of £150 from their funds, but have nominated a Sub-committee to co-operate with him in this and other matters regarding the Seminary; and the object of this Circular is, to lay these facts before the friends of literature and religion, and to solicit donations in money, in books, and in apparatus, as may be deemed best by benevolent donors. Those presenting books are requested to inscribe each volume with their names; and this is particularly desired in the case of authors, or editors, or publishers, who may be pleased to honor the infant Institution with tokens of their regard.

"We, the Members of the Colonial Sub-Committee appointed to co-operate with Dr. Burns, cordially approve of the above statement, and recommend the object of it to public patronage."

WM. CUNNINGHAM, D. D., S. T. P.  
R. S. CANDLISH, D. D.  
THOMAS GUTHRIE.  
JOHN SYM,—CONVENER.

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In consequence of the Circular, of which the above is an extract, various donations of great value were made to the Library. Dr. Chalmers, Sir David Brewster, Dr. Keith, Dr. Hetherington, and Dr. Wm. Brown, presented complete sets of their works. General Macdowal, of Stranraer, presented from his splendid Theological Collection 230 volumes. The personal relatives of Dr. Burns have contributed 500 volumes; and many friends in all parts of Scotland, and several booksellers,—Messrs. Collins, and Blackie & Son, Glasgow, for instance, have contributed donations of books more or less numerous and valuable. The names of all the donors will be duly entered in the books of the College.

While Elementary and Educational works of all kinds will be thankfully received, and particularly treatises on Logic, Mental & Moral Philosophy, and Political Economy; the following list of Works, peculiarly adapted for students of Theology, may suggest to the friends of Canada, and of the Presbyterian Church, the idea of donations at once appropriate and seasonable:—

Levi's Liturgy of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews—3 vols.  
Kitto's Pictorial History of the Jews, and Natural History of the Holy Land—3 vols. in one.  
Kitto's Cyclopaedia of Biblical Literature.  
Bagster's Translation of the Historical Fathers.  
Nordheimer's Hebrew Grammar—2 vols. 8vo.  
Stuart's (Moses) Hebrew Grammar.  
Lees' (Cambridge) do.  
Gesenius' do.  
Lockman's Arabic Fables.  
Bloomfield's Greek Testament—2 vols.  
Valpy's Greek Testament—3 vols.  
Episcopus de Regula Fidei.  
Dr. Pye Smith's Works.  
Introduction to New Testament, by Pritius—Hoffman's edition.  
Hody de Bibliorum Textibus et Versionibus.  
Davidson's Sacred Hermeneutics.  
White's Hampton Lectures.  
The Works of Archbishop Whately.  
Richardson and Nye on the Canon of Scripture.  
Carpzovii Critica Sacra.  
Ornes' Bibliotheca Biblica.  
Wayland's Elements of Moral Science.  
Copies of Brown—Reid—Stewart, &c., on the Philosophy of Mind.