

Richardson applied for Exhibitions, and £10 was granted to each. Mr. Hay, who had not undergone examination, applied for a loan of £10, promising to undergo examination in February; and it was agreed, in the circumstances, to lend him that sum, making a disbursement in all of £60. The Examiners were highly pleased with some of the papers, but found others exceedingly defective, and cannot refrain from urging on the Synod the necessity for increased strictness in ascertaining the proficiency of students, and the propriety of encouraging them to make every effort after higher attainments in learning.

(Signed,) W. ORMISTON, *Chairman.*

At last report there was, belonging to the Fund for aiding and encouraging students in Divinity, the sum of £95 3s. 6d., with interest say £101 3s. 6d. The committee have since received from the congregation:—Of Newton, £13; of Gould Street, Toronto £20; of Harwich, additional, £1; of Paris £5 5s., including interest; of Glen Morris £2 10s.; from Oshawa £3; from Miss Rodger, West Dumfries, 15s.; and Thomas Sandilands, Esq., Guelph, and William Dunbar, Esq., Dunbarton, have each paid £10, making in all £166 13s. 6d.; and leaving, after deducting the above £60 received by students, £106 13s. 6d.

There was last year a balance of 6s. 11½d. in favour of the Library, and the committee have since received from the congregation—Of Hamilton £10; of Newton £1; of Goderich 10s., and interest on these sums 7s. 6d., making in all £12 4s. 5½d. The committee have much pleasure in stating that Robert White, Esq., Glasgow, Scotland, has made a donation of two hundred volumes of excellent books to the library; and his generosity is the more highly to be appreciated that he is not himself connected with the United Presbyterian Church. On account of these books there was paid in freight, carriage, duty &c. £5 5s. 11d.; new books have been added to the library costing £8 12s; making in all £13 17s. 11d.; and leaving a balance against the library of £1 13s. 5½d.; — Hengh, Esq., son of the late Rev. Hugh Hengh, D.D., Glasgow, transmitted to Dr. Taylor, last summer, 100 copies of the *Life* of that distinguished minister, one copy to be presented to each student, and the remainder to be disposed of by Dr. Taylor on behalf of the funds of the Church. The committee record their very high sense of the value of that work by the excellent Home Mission Secretary of the Church in Scotland, and also their estimate of the kindness and liberality of Mr. Hengh in presenting to us such a gift. But they regret exceedingly to state that these books (the *Life*) were consumed at the burning of Dr. Taylor's house in August last. The committee beg to suggest that the cordial thanks of the Synod should be conveyed both to Mr. White and to Mr. Hengh.

The Session of the Divinity Hall was closed on Thursday, 12th April. The Rev. the Moderator presided, and all the members of committee were present. After singing, the Rev. Mr. Torrance led in prayer. Dr. Taylor read a concluding lecture, and stated that a termination of the four years curriculum, as well as of the annual session had arrived—that the students had been examined, during the winter: in Theology, on Dr. Dick's Lectures, from the 80th inclusive to the close; in Church