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REPORT.

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENCE OF  
THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,  
June, 1853.

The Board of Superintendence lay their Annual Report this year, on the table of Synod, with as much satisfaction as on any previous occasion. The Seminary, committed to their oversight, is not only prosperous but growing in prosperity. During the past year, all the different departments have been conducted with increased efficiency, and, it is to be hoped, with additional advantage to the students. A greater interest in the public mind, has been created in its behalf; and the general support given to it seems to be upon the increase. It is all the work of the Lord; let us ascribe to him the praise and glory.

SEMINARY 1852,

On August 31st and September 1st, the Seminary closed another of its Sessions.—The members of the Board were in attendance, and proceeded with the examination of the Students. In the Logic Class, seven students were present. At the request of the Board, they were examined by Professor [unclear] on "the external senses." Each of the students read an essay selected by the Board out of a series of essays prepared by [unclear] during the session. The examination was minute and searching and continued for

about two hours. The Natural Philosophy Class was next examined. Seventeen students were in attendance. The Board selected "Optics," as the subject for examination. Each Student read an essay out of the series prepared by him during the session, as in the Logic Class. The examination was conducted with as much care and minuteness as in the Logic Class, and continued for about two hours and a half. At the close of the examination of this class, the Convener called, first, upon those ministers and others present, not members of the Board, and then, upon the members of the Board, to express their opinions of the examination, so far as it had proceeded. These opinions were, without exception, highly laudatory of the efficiency of the Professor's labors, and the diligence of the Students.—On September 1st, the Board met at 10 o'clock with the Professors and Students, and proceeded with the examination of the classes in Latin, Greek and Mathematics. This examination was as satisfactory to the Board as that of the preceding day. It continued till the opening of the Hall at 12 o'clock.

As this is the first time the Natural Philosophy Class has been put into operation, before closing the account of the examination, it may be interesting to give an outline of the course of study pursued in this department. After an introductory lecture