

parents, suggestions, advice, and perhaps occasionally assistance in the matter. It is an instructive fact that, of the ten young men who last year attended the Divinity Hall, three were from one pastoral charge which had subsisted only about four years over two new congregations, while another of the students was also at one time under the same ministry.

But we ought to apologize for the length of this addendum, and for losing sight of our Correspondent's excellent proposal of a STUDENTS' FUND. It is long since we heard some private members of the Church speaking favorably of such an expedient, and declaring they were persuaded that in their own, and some other congregations, providing for one student would be attended with no difficulty. Care, however, must be taken that only youths of real merit be permitted to participate in the benefit. No greater injury could be done to the Church than fostering a class of feeble and indolent students. The Scholarship scheme, at home, admirably guards against such an abuse, and, at the same time, divests itself entirely of the disagreeable character of being eleemosynary.]

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## Reviews of Books.

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*Comfortable Words for Christian Parents bereaved of little Children.* By JOHN BROWN, D. D. Second Edition. 24to., pp. 140. Edinburgh: W. OLIPHANT & SONS. 1851.

Dr. Brown has, for a few years past, greatly to the edification of the Church, and the extension, we should say, rather than the establishment, of his own reputation as a Biblical Critic and Theologian, been publishing, in rapid succession, a number of large and learned expository works. It has been matter of regret to us, from the first, that it has been impracticable for us to do even tolerable justice to any of these elaborate and valuable productions; and, in truth, we scarcely know how far back we ought to go in the series for making a commencement. For the present, with little of either time or space at our disposal, we gladly introduce to our readers the precious, though comparatively tiny, volume of which the title is prefixed—a volume which thousands of stricken parents have blessed God that the author has found leisure to produce, and still more that he has, though in circumstances of sorrow, been found so rarely endowed for producing. From what we have said it will be understood that he has been comforting others with the comfort wherewith he himself was comforted of God when subjected to bereavement. The occasion of the little volume is beautifully and simply stated in the preface:—

“The following discourse was composed in portions, and delivered at intervals immediately after the death of the author's youngest daughter, Margaret Fisher Crum, a singularly lovely and engaging child of five years and four months, who after a very brief illness, was taken from him on the morning of the Lord's-day, March 5th, 1846.