

£10 was awarded to each. The Examiners were much pleased with a number of the papers, but regretted that in some of the departments, several of the Students were considerably deficient. It has not been thought necessary to affect the standing of any, but a deep conviction is felt, that an increased strictness in examination is loudly called for, to protect the Church against the great evil of an inadequately educated Ministry.

(Signed.)

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To the sum of £90 expended on Exhibitions, there falls to be added the sum of £7 10s. as expenses for printing, postage, and travelling, in connection with raising the Fund, making in all £97 10s. Deducting this from the sum of £223 5s., formerly mentioned, there remains a balance of £125 15s., which will bear interest at 6 per cent. from 1st. February last.

For the Library, the Committee have received from the Rev. S. McMillan, an aged Minister of the United Presbyterian Church, in Aberdeen, Scotland, two large boxes of Books, and from the Congregation of Hamilton, £10. For the same object, two of the Students very laudably raised by collection, the sum of £13 15s. 2½d., viz., Mr. McWilliam from Mount Pleasant, £1 14s. 5½d., from Paris, £5 14s.; and Mr. Stewart, from Caledonia, (three Stations,) £3 3s. 10½d., from Ancaster, (three Stations,) £3 2s. 11d. From these sums there falls to be deducted, for expenses, £1 10s., leaving £12 5s. 2½d. There was belonging to the Library a balance on hand of £1 11s. 7d., which, together with the sum now named, makes a total of £26 16s. 9½d.; and the Committee have expended on Books, Bookcases, and carriage of Boxes from Aberdeen, the sum of £25 17s. 6d., leaving a balance of 19s. 3½d. The Committee entertain no doubt that the Synod sympathize with them in a feeling of gratitude to all the parties from whom these benefactions have proceeded, and it is respectfully submitted, that the thanks of the Synod ought to be tendered to them, and in particular that an official letter ought to be transmitted to the Rev. Mr. McMillan of Aberdeen, expressive of the sense entertained of his considerate kindness.

The close of the Session of the Divinity Hall took place on Thursday, 8th April. The Rev. the Moderator of Synod presided on the occasion, and there were present of the Committee, the Rev. Messrs. Dick and Kennedy and Dr. Taylor. After devotional exercises, an Address was delivered from the Chair. Dr. Taylor read a concluding Lecture. Messrs. Dick and Kennedy delivered Addresses, and the meeting was closed with prayer, singing, and the benediction. The attention of the Students during the Session had been occupied with the usual branches. In Systematic Divinity, they had been examined on Dr. Dick's Lectures, from the 30th to the 53rd, both exclusive. In Church History, the subject of examination had been 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th Centuries of Mosheim's Work. In Greek, they had read critically the first eight chapters of the Epistle to the Romans. In Hebrew, they had read the first four chapters of Genesis, and a number of selected passages from other Historical Books, the Psalms, and the Prophets, together with the corresponding portions of the Septuagint. Each had delivered a discourse, and given in three written exercises on subjects prescribed. Honorable testimony was borne by Dr. Taylor, to the excellency of their deportment, and the commendable diligence with which, generally, they had prosecuted their studies.

The experience of three Sessions fully attests the wisdom of the Synod in making the change as to the period of attendance. It pleased