

through the year, each man receiving his diploma after his examination is satisfactorily passed. The number of medical students in Paris is five thousand, a small number being females. To a foreigner all courses are open freely and there is nothing to pay, and he is certain to receive the most generous and courteous treatment.

DIVINITY HALL.

SINCE the last issue of the JOURNAL an event of considerable interest to the Senior Class has taken place. And as similar occurrences in the future will certainly be of interest to every student in theology, a word or two on the event of the past week will not be out of season.

About two weeks ago the graduating class in the "Hall" appeared before the examining committee of the Kingston Presbytery to be taken on trial for license. The examination this year was a little out of the usual course so far as one can judge from a comparison with the past few years. It embraced six papers—time, one hour for each—no orals. Now, the class has not one word of complaint to make, because the papers were fair all round, yet it would be as well for the classes of the future to make themselves acquainted with the nature of the approaching examination, and not to trust to precedency for the manner of conducting this trial course. Further, a slight acquaintance with the book on "Rules and Forms of Procedure" will be found useful on this subject. Of course the wisest course to pursue is to be always ready. But this is not always a very practicable thing, when it embraces Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Church History, Philosophy and Theology. Hence we say to our fellow students "Bear those few subjects in mind, think them over, and be ready for examination when the time comes, for the church demands it, and you must give it."

But here, someone may ask, Why is it that the church recommends an entrant for the ministry to take as full a literary course as possible, but after he has done so it gives him no credit for having passed such an examination in that course? Why not take his college certificates as sufficient evidence of his knowledge in purely literary subjects? The only object in view is to test the applicant's knowledge in these subjects; that being the case, a student's college record is more satisfactory, since it implies a wider field of work done, and also an examination on this work which all must admit is more thorough.

But as to the strictly theological subjects the question is different. In these we are dealing, not with preparatory work, but with the work which must as far as possible be an indication of fitness to teach the doctrines of Scripture. And in these no one could honestly find fault with an examination, even more rigid than that which appeared the other day. Still even here, we are far from perfection—an approximate value is all that can be reached. A man's fitness for the ministry cannot be decided by the amount he may write in a few hours.

Paper may show the expression of mind, but it shows less that of the soul, and none at all that of the life. In this matter it might be possible to have the maximum of fitness. There are requisities for this work which, under a mechanical examination, such as pastoral work, personal dealing of man with men, in a word, the practical work of the ministry.

Divinity Hall has lately been made a little more attractive than usual, owing to a large map, 8 x 12 ft., which hangs upon the wall. As a general thing a map is thought of less importance in a college than in a school room, though now and then one wonders how this thought originated; certainly not from a permanent mental impression received in gone days. But this particular map has attractions of its own. It is drawn, we may say, not on equatorial, nor a polar, but on a Christian projection. It is a mission map of the world, showing the parts occupied by American Societies in one color, and all other missions in another. The aim the friend had in view in sending it was to widen our knowledge of the world's need, and to deepen our desire to see it christianized. Looking at the world from the standpoint of Christianity we can see what a vast work lies before the whole Christian church a work which to succeed must have the support of every one who calls himself Christian, a work which when completed will be the strength and glory of the church of the future.

Y. M. C. A.

REV. Mr. Bone, Missionary to Sailors, addressed the students' meeting on Friday, March 20th. His subject was "Vessels unto Honor." The inexhaustible fund of illustrations drawn from the incidents of daily life, with which he presses home the claims of the Gospel, gives him great power over his hearers. The students have learned to look for his annual visit with the same certainty; that they look for the return of spring. They are always glad to see his happy countenance and to receive words of cheer from this untiring soul-winner.

Mr. Cole, travelling secretary for the Y.M.C.A., visited the city association last week. On Friday evening about fifty young men of the city with representatives from the College Association dined with Mr. Cole at the residence of Mr. McRossie, the President.

After partaking of the bountiful repast provided, all repaired to the Young Men's Rooms where Mr. Cole and others delivered addresses on Y. M. C. A. work. On Saturday evening a Gospel meeting for Young Men only was held. On Sunday evening the evangelistic service usually conducted by the College Association was led by the Young Men of the city. The hall was crowded to overflowing and Mr. Cole's address on "Know Him," made a deep impression. Young men are being gathered into the Association daily, but what is better, young men are being added to the Lord.