

distribution of prizes, as they had been awarded, chiefly by the suffrages of the students. The professors, in delivering the prizes to the successful competitors, made appropriate remarks, expressing their satisfaction with the general progress of their classes; and stating how difficult it was to decide in cases of competition, upon the order of merit. Indeed, on account of this difficulty, and other considerations, it has become a question whether it would not be better hereafter to discontinue the practice of giving prizes.

The Rev. Mr. McKenzie, Moderator of Synod, addressed the classes after the exercises of the day were over, stating his high gratification with what he had observed during that and the previous days. The progress made by the young men exceeded his expectations. The Rev. Mr. McGregor, of Guelph, followed in a similar strain. Dr. Willis closed the session with an address to the students in which he urged upon them the duty of still prosecuting their studies, and aiming at higher attainments in learning; and in whatever manner their time might be occupied during the vacation, to endeavour to devote a goodly portion of it to their own improvement.

In the evening a prayer-meeting was held, in which the professors and several of the Rev. gentlemen present took a part. In opening the meeting Dr. Willis took a retrospect of the Session, noting especially the goodness of God in bringing them through the session in such comfortable circumstances,—no breach by death had been made either in the staff of teachers or the ranks of the students,—no painful casualty had occurred. Professors and students had enjoyed almost uninterrupted good health, during the term now come to a close. Dr. Willis again adverted to the cheering progress made by the students, and repeated what we have heard on other occasions, that his classes would compare favourably with any classes of the same standing with which he had been acquainted.

The Rev. Mr. Robb, Convener of the Synod's Home Mission Committee, addressed the meeting, remarking that now for the first time since our Church was organized was there a prospect of meeting the demand made for missionary labourers. At the meeting of the Committee on a previous day, there were applications made from thirty-eight congregations for supply. He was happy to say that there had been recommended by the College Committee no less than 23 Divinity Students to be employed as Missionary Catechists during the summer, making in all, with the ordained missionaries and probationers, a staff of 34 labourers to go out into our destitute places. Mr. Robb took courage from this fact, and hoped that Knox's College would send forth yet more abundantly, bands of devoted labourers into the truly great harvest; and that the institution would be supported in a manner worthy of its importance.

Mr. John Scott, Student of Divinity, read the table which we give in another column, of the missionary labours of the Students during the session.

Several other gentlemen made observations on matters pertaining to the occasion of the meeting. Messrs. Shaw and Laird, of Knox's Church,

Toronto, made some practical remarks, which were listened to with marked attention.

After singing the 132d Psalm, Dr. Willis pronounced the benediction.

The following is a list of those who were adjudged the most distinguished, and who were rewarded accordingly:—

First (Junior) Latin and Greek Classes.

1. Mr. James Black, Delaware County, N. Y.
2. Mr. David Wardrope, Bytown.

Second Latin Class.

1. Mr. James Tait, Montreal.
2. Mr. Duncan McKinnon, Vaughan.

Third Latin Class.

1. Mr. George Jamieson, Toronto Academy.
2. Mr. John Laing, Melbourne, Canada East.

Second Greek Class.

1. Mr. Duncan McKinnon.
2. Mr. James Tait.

Third Greek Class.

1. Mr. John Laing.
2. Mr. George Wardrope, Toronto Academy.

First (Junior) Hebrew Class.

1. Mr. Robert Scott, Perth.
2. Mr. Joseph Carbert, Toronto, and Mr. James Kennedy, Toronto, equal.

For best written Hebrew Paradigm in this class, the prize was adjudged to Mr. Robert Scott, Perth:—

Second Hebrew Class.

1. Mr. Thomas Henning, Toronto Academy.
2. Mr. George Wardrope, do.

Third Hebrew and Syriac Classes.

The prize in this class was adjudged to Mr. John Scott, Perth, for the best written analysis of a small portion of Syriac, N. T.

English Composition.

Mr. William Blain, Streetsville.

Logic and Rhetoric.

1. Mr. James Tait.
2. Mr. Robert Scott.

Mr. Charles McGregor, Guelph, and Mr. J. Singer, Galt, received additional prizes for general proficiency in this department.

Philosophy.

1. Mr. Robert Scott.
2. Mr. James Black.

General History.

1. Mr. John Murray, Churchville.
2. Mr. James Black.

Church History.

Mr. Thomas Henning, Mr. Alex. Cameron, Glasgow, and Mr. Thomas Dickson, Cincinnati, equal. [Taught by the Rev. Dr. Burns.]

Biblical Literature Class.

1. Mr. Donald Fraser, Montreal.
2. Mr. John Gray, Montreal.

First (Junior) Theology Class.

1. Mr. Donald Fraser.
2. Mr. John Alexander, Quebec, Mr. A. Cameron, and Mr. G. Wardrope, equal.*

Second Theology Class.

1. Mr. Robert Ure, Hamilton.
2. Mr. John Ross, Zorra.
Wm. Troup, for excelling in written answers to theological queries.

Analysis of English Bible.

Mr. A. Crawford, Greenock.

Pulpit Reading.

1. Mr. Donald Fraser.
2. Mr. Andrew Hudson, Galt.

It is but justice to the parties concerned to state

* Prize awarded to Mr. Alexander, by vote of students.

that Messrs. T. Henning, John Scott, and Andrew Wilson, who were the successful competitors the two previous years, were excluded from competition this Session.

SYNOD'S HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

At Toronto, April 16, 1849, which day the Home Mission Committee of the Synod of Canada met, and was constituted.

Sederunt—The Rev. Mr. Robb, Convener, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Alexander Gale, M. Y. Stark, Mr. Mackenzie, William Rintoul, Mr. Harris, H. Eason, Ministers; and D. McLellan and Mr. McAlister, Elders.

The Clerk read the following list of ministers and preachers as at the disposal of the Committee, viz.:—Mr. Angus Mackintosh, Mr. James Fettes, and Mr. John McKinnon, ordained ministers; and Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Quin, and Mr. James Y. Cameron, probationers.

It was moved by Dr. Burns, that prior to the sanctioning of the above list of ministers and probationers as missionaries of this Church, this Committee shall take into consideration the suitability of these ministers and probationers to the missionary work of the Church.

But this motion not having been seconded, Dr. Burns craved leave to have it marked, that he could not go along with the opinion of the Committee, that they have no powers to do so, seeing it belongs to the Presbyteries of the Church.

The Committee allowed the recording of the foregoing, without committing themselves to Dr. Burns's construction of their views, in regard to the powers entrusted to them.

Adjourned till three o'clock, to-morrow. Closed with the benediction.

Tuesday 17.

The Committee met according to adjournment. Sederunt—The Rev. R. Robb, Convener, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Gale, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. Stark, Mr. Eason, Mr. Mackenzie, and Mr. McGregor, ministers; and Mr. McLellan and Mr. McAlister, elders.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

It was moved by Mr. McGregor, seconded by Mr. Stark, that the following list of students, who have been formerly employed in missionary labour, be adopted, viz., Mr. Scott, Mr. Ure, Mr. Swinton, Mr. Ross, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Gray, Mr. Nisbet, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Archibald Currie, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Chesnut, Mr. Smith, Mr. McRuar, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Troup, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. Alexander Cameron, Mr. Gourlay, Mr. McDiarmid, and Mr. McLarn.

On motion, it was agreed to, and recommended that the following junior students be employed in the missionary field of the Church as catechists, and that the Presbyteries to which they may be sent, be requested to examine them as to their qualifications, viz., Mr. McMillan, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Black, Mr. Kedey.

The preachers and catechists were then distributed to the different Presbyteries until the meeting of the Home Mission Committee, at the opening of the College, in the following manner, viz., to the

Presbytery of London.—Mr. J. Fraser, Mr. Scott, the first half of the term; Mr. Tolmie, and Mr. Hudson, after the meeting of Synod.

Presbytery of Hamilton.—Mr. Scott, latter half of the term; Mr. Ure after Synod; Mr. Gray, Mr. Archibald Currie, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Mackenzie.

Presbytery of Toronto.—Mr. Ross; Mr. Ure until Synod, Mr. McMillan until Synod, Mr. Nisbet, Mr. Chesnut, Mr. Smith, Mr. James Black, Mr. Kennedy; Mr. Hudson, until Synod, and Mr. Kedey.

Presbytery of Cobourg.—Mr. McKinnon, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. McRuar.