

in Greek the Epistle to the Galatians, and the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians; and in Hebrew, selected passages in Genesis, beginning with the interview between the Angel and Hagar at the well of Lahai-roi, and ending with the burial of Sarah, together with the corresponding portions of the Septuagint. Besides the usual discourses, also, several passages in the New Testament were prescribed as themes for written exercises; and a few meetings, at the close of the Session, were devoted to the subject of Homiletics. The students conducted themselves with propriety, and performed the exercises satisfactorily. But the attendance was less regular than usual, in consequence of the unhealthiness of the season. The Session was closed on Friday, 6th October, an Address having been delivered by the Rev. Mr. Dick, Moderator of Synod, the only member of Committee who attended.

The Committee have expended the sum of five pounds on Theological books, which have been added to the Library.

With regard to the matter remitted to the Committee by the Synod at its ninth sederunt last year, an Address has been prepared, which the Committee now place at the disposal of the Synod; and nothing further has been done.

The Committee beg now to solicit the most serious attention of the Synod to a proposal which they deem of great importance to the future welfare of the Hall, viz., that the time of the annual Session be changed, so that it shall commence in the beginning of November, and terminate in the end of April, or at such other periods near to these, as the Synod shall see meet to appoint. The Committee refrain from introducing into this Report any other of the considerations which seem to recommend this proposal, than that the season at which the Session has hitherto been held, is generally regarded as the most unhealthy in the year, the season, too, at which it seems least of all desirable that persons should make a change in their mode of living, as students coming to town must almost inevitably do; and that, even when the season is not specially unhealthy, it is, by reason of the heat which usually prevails during the greater part of it, exceedingly unfavorable for continuous mental application; while, by changing the Session to the time when University College, Toronto, and almost all other academical institutions in the Province hold their sittings, an opportunity would be afforded to the students of prosecuting their literary and philosophical studies along with their Theological.

Reflecting on the paramount importance of the Divinity Hall for the maintenance and prosperity of the Church, and on the very unsatisfactory state of matters during last Session, owing chiefly to the bad health in the Students, the Committee entreat the Synod to give to the subject, of all its aspects, their most careful and solemn consideration.

[No. III.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, FOR THE
YEAR ENDING JUNE 4, 1855.

Your Committee would begin this Report by stating that, for the purpose of saving the funds of the Church, they have deemed it prudent to hold as few general meetings as they could in the course of the past year, and that they appointed a small sub-committee, composed of persons so situated locally, that they could easily meet for the transaction of any business that might call for attention in the intervals of Committee. They see no reason to regret this arrangement. All the matters that came up at different periods have been duly attended to by the sub-committee, and decided upon to the satisfaction of the Committee.