

divine service. The Calvin church congregation were to meet on that day to celebrate the death of the Lord Jesus, and their disappointment must have been peculiarly great, but in both cases it must have been with tearful eyes and grieved hearts that those coming up to worship gazed on the charred timbers and smoking ruins of their loved Zion. To both congregations the loss was very heavy, for on Central church there was no insurance, and on the city building only a small sum to cover a debt which the people were engaged in paying off. One result will be that the object of mutual insurance will come before the Synod (for notice to that effect has already been given), and we trust a measure will be matured by which at a very low rate every building in the connection may be insured.

It is gratifying to be able to add that both congregations have received many expressions of fraternal sympathy, with promises of aid. Both have decided to rebuild without delay, and we hope and trust that they will find that their disappointment and financial trials which appear hostile to their welfare will turn out to the increase of their liberality and to the furtherance of the Gospel.

#### Missionary Library.

At the last meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions, it was agreed, on motion of Rev. G. Patterson, to commence the formation of a Library embracing Books and Periodicals on the subject of Missions, for the use of Theological Students and other friends of Missions. The Secretary was authorized to ask the Board of Superintendence of Theological Hall for a department for Missionary Literature in the Divinity Library, to call attention to the subject in the *Record*, to request contributions in money and books, and to have Missionary Periodicals now received from Europe and the United States bound in volumes.

A fuller notice of this measure will appear in our next number; meanwhile the Secretary will receive and acknowledge any contributions sent.

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#### Closing of Dalhousie College.

The Lectures terminated on the 6th of April, and the Examinations on the 22nd. Convocation is announced for the 26th. Writing as we do on the 24th, we cannot furnish the numbers attending the different classes nor the results of the protracted ordeal, the passing of which has made the students, ordinary so lively and gay, look for the last fortnight grave, anxious and

pale. We can say, however, that the Session while laborious to Professors and students, has also proved agreeable and prosperous.

The whole number of students has been about 85—

Medicals.....	25
General Students in Arts....	20
Undergraduates.....	40

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The Graduating Class for the present year will number but three, but evidently there will, in future, be more than double that number, as the other three years have an average of over a dozen each of undergraduates.

The chief drawback to the comfort of the Governors is deficiency of funds. The want of cash has hitherto prevented the proper amount of advertizing, has this year interfered with the printing of Examination papers, and has given an appearance of narrowness to some of their regulations, which was the result, not of choice, but of a necessary economy.

On the part of the Governors we anticipate some movement to awaken the friends of Dalhousie to do something to remove this hindrance and reproach; and shall be disappointed if the Convocation speeches shall disclose nothing but the usual amount of complaints on this topic, with no practical movement attempted or even proposed.

#### Closing of Princeton Seminary.

This far famed Theological School will have closed for the season before our *Record* for May is published. The students from the Lower Provinces expected to leave about the 25th of April.

Of these, three complete their theological course, Messrs. J. F. McCurdy, Edwin Smith, and Kenneth McKay. Mr. McCurdy who has taken the prize for greatest proficiency in the study of Syriac, remains in Princeton; Mr. Smith returns to Truro Presbytery, and Mr. McKay to Pictou Presbytery to be taken on trial for license.

Mr. Simpson, student at the second year, will probably be licensed, and accept of appointment in the United States; while Messrs. McNeill and Roxborough will return, the former to P. E. Island, and the latter to New Brunswick.

The Rev. Samuel Johnson acknowledges the receipt of the following sums towards the schemes of the Church, viz. :—

Col. by Misses Isabel Embleton, \$2.40; Margaret Craigs, \$1.69; Alice Cockburn, \$8.04; Janet Kelly, \$2.64; Isabel Cockburn, \$3.10; Isabel Nesbit, \$2.01.