

Accordingly, at the meeting of the Synod in June, 1820, it being intimated "that some students had finished their Philosophical course at Pictou Academy and were ready to enter upon the study of Divinity, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Graham, Waddell and Douglas, was appointed to meet with the Trustee of Pictou Academy, to treat with them about having founded therein a Professorship of Divinity, to be endowed by the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, when it shall be able to do so, and to be in that case in the gift of the synod; and to endeavor to engage the Trustees of said Academy to permit Mr. McCulloch to act in the mean time as Professor of Divinity, the Synod being willing to allow Mr. McCulloch such a salary as may be in their power." This was the establishment of the first institution in the British Colonies for the Theological training of young men for the ministry.

The Trustees cordially agreed to the Synod's proposal, and assigned one of the class-rooms in the building, which had been completed about a year previous, for the use of a Theological class. The session was opened some time that autumn (the exact date we have been unable to discover) with a lecture by Dr. McCulloch. This is now before us, having been published in Scotland in pamphlet form with the following title-page:—

INTRODUCTORY HINTS TO THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.

A LECTURE

Delivered at the opening of the first theological class in the
Pictou Academical Institution, and designed to suggest
a course of preparation requisite for the successful
discharge of Ministerial Duties in
the Presbyterian Church
of Nova Scotia,

BY THOMAS McCULLOCH, D. D.

"Meditate upon these things, give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all."—1 TIM. IV.: 15.

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