

deemer, who wouldst not that any should perish, but that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, fulfil thy gracious promise to be present with those who are gone forth in thy name to preach the gospel of salvation in distant lands.—Be with them in all perils by land and by water, in sickness and in distress, in weariness and painfulness, in disappointment and persecution. Bless them, we beseech thee, with thy continual favor; and send thy Holy Spirit to guide them into all truth. O Lord, let thy ministers be clothed with righteousness, and grant that thy Word spoken by their mouths may never be spoken in vain. Endue them with power from on high; and so prosper thy work in their hands that the fulness of the Gentiles may be gathered in and all Israel be saved. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy's sake; and grant that all who are called by thy name may be one in thee, and abound more and more in prayers and in free-will offerings, for the extension of thy kingdom throughout the world, to thy honor and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen."

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Immediately after the declaration of war, the Society resolved to supply every British soldier and sailor departing for the war with a copy of the New Testament. They next resolved to do the same to every French soldier and sailor; they extended their benefactions to the Turkish allies, in the shape of an ample contingent of the Evangelists bound in cloth. They went even further, and have prepared a large supply of the Russian New Testament, for the use of such prisoners as might hereafter come into possession of the allied armies.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES.

REPORT OF THE U. P. SYNOD'S COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION, READ 9TH JUNE, 1854.

The Committee on Theological Education beg respectfully to present the following Report:—

They met on Tuesday, 2nd August last, when the Divinity Hall was opened by the Moderator with devotional exercises and an address. The Rev. Dr. Taylor then read an Introductory Lecture; and the Rev. Dr. Ferrier delivered an address. The students that entered were,—of the fourth year, Messrs. John Lees and John Fotheringham; of the third year, none; of the second year, Messrs. Robert C. Moffatt, William C. Bruce and Francis Tisdell, (Mr. Alex. McFaul, who entered in 1852, was prevented from attending last year by severe and protracted bodily affliction); and of the first year, Messrs. David Waters, William Ballantyne, John McNeillie, and William Fletcher, the last of whom had not been examined by a Presbytery, but was afterwards admitted by the Presbytery of Toronto. Mr. John McNaughton also joined the Hall, but only as a hearer. The Committee likewise made arrangements for the meetings of the Hall during the session, and for the accommodation of the library.

The Committee met again on Thursday, 6th October, when the two Senior Students delivered their discourses, which met with the approbation of the Committee, and the Rev. Messrs. Thornton and Dick delivered addresses. Dr. Taylor stated that the students had attended regularly during the session, had conducted themselves with propriety, and had performed to his satisfaction the exercises prescribed; that they had been examined on Dick's Lectures, from XLVIII. to LXXXI., both inclusive, and on Mosheims' Church History, from the Fifth to the Tenth Century, both inclusive; and that they had read critically in the Greek of the New Testament, the narratives of the chief facts and incidents contained in the Gospels; and, in the Hebrew of the Old Testament, selected passages in Genesis, beginning with the murder of Abel, and ending with the interview between Abram and Melchizedek, along with the corresponding passages in the Septuagint. Also, that the students, besides delivering a discourse, had all during the session read several critical exercises on passages prescribed to them. The Committee then proceeded to the consideration of the remit from the Synod and agreed to the following Recommendations to Presbyteries respecting the examination of students, viz.: