

## Editorial Department.

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### Summer Session.

The past summer was an important one in the history of the College of our Church.

The first summer session for theological studies was held. There were twenty-seven students in attendance, twenty-one of whom had been at work in the mission fields during the previous winter. The staff was one under which any student of the Presbyterian Church in Canada might be proud and thankful to sit, and in the name of our constituency we thank these gentlemen for their services.

That the session was up to the standard of education that our church demands we believe we can affirm. Lectures were delivered on one hundred and two days and the hours of instruction were four hundred and twenty-one. Though the time to assimilate was not as long as in the winter session, yet there was more contact of professor and student than there is in, at least, the majority of our colleges. At the Presbyterian College, Montreal, during the coming winter there will be lectures on one hundred days, with about three hundred and forty hours' instruction, and at Knox College lectures on one hundred and two days with from three hundred and forty to three hundred and ninety hours' instruction according to the year, which

figures show that the students of the summer session received from the professors more than the usual amount of instruction. The truth is that perhaps there were too many lectures in the summer course. We believe that next session is to see the number reduced. There are to be fifteen lectures *per* week instead of the twenty and twenty-three that were sometimes given.

It is gratifying that the health of students and professors was good. The warm weather was not particularly taxing, at any rate, to those who lived in residence. There were only nine or ten afternoons that were too warm for study, and this loss the diligent student was able to overtake in the evening. The student of average strength need not be afraid of taking the summer session because of his health. Justice can be done to studies and health preserved.

What will be the future of this session? We hope it succeeds; it ought to succeed. It ought to succeed to extend its work to both the east and west of our country; not the west alone, though at the present time there chiefly. What then must be done that it may succeed?

*First*, let the Home Mission Committee of the different Presbyteries treat justly and make discreet and judicious