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Report of the Board of Superintendence of the Synod's Theological Seminary for 1850-51.

In presenting their annual statement of the affairs of the Seminary, the Board have to record with feelings of gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, that increased prosperity has attended the Institution. At the close of last Session, the number of Students was Twenty-one, of these, eight had completed their Logic and Moral Philosophy courses, and were certified to the Divinity Hall. Since the close of the Hall, they have been engaged in teaching.

As authorised, the Board appointed the Session to commence on the first Wednesday of March, instead of April, as heretofore. There were present upon that occasion the Rev. Messrs. Angus McGilvray, James Bayne, George Patterson, Wm. McCulloch, and Mr. Daniel Cameron of West River Congregation. After the usual introductory lecture by the Professor, the members of the Board severally addressed the Students and subsequently met with them in private.

At the opening of the Session, there were present Fourteen Students, whose names, residences, &c., will be entered in the Matriculation Book, which will be laid for inspection on the Synod's table. Subsequent to the commencement, there has been an addition to the number of Students, making in all, inclusive of those attending the Theological Department, twenty-four.

Regarding the progress made by the

Students, your board would observe, that, as far as they have had an opportunity of judging, it is creditable alike to the Professor and those under his charge. As an evidence of this it may be remarked, that during the year those attending the Theological Department have held meetings in different Congregations, with a view to awaken a more extensive missionary zeal, and have been heard with marked interest and attention.

Of those connected with the Seminary, eight are attending the Theological Department, tho' they have not as yet completed their course of Natural Philosophy. This the Board trust they will be enabled to do during the next Session.

Of the remainder of the Students, eleven are studying Moral Philosophy; three attend the Logic class, prosecuting at the same time their Classical and Mathematical studies; and two devote their time solely to the last mentioned branches.

By the mission of the Synod's Delegate to Scotland, an addition has been made to the Library, of about 695 vols., valued at £155,5,5½, and tho' adequate to present purposes, increase, as opportunity affords, is desirable. In connection with the above, it may be mentioned, that an order for about Fifteen Pounds worth of Books has been sent to Scotland, with a reference specially to the Department of Biblical Literature. Your Board have also to state, that besides the apparatus purchased by your Delegate, valued at £34,6,1½, they have been enabled to make such farther purchases as will place the Natural