

I have further to announce that the Alma Mater Society resolved this afternoon to offer a scholarship next session for eminence in oriental studies.

The proceedings were then closed by a prayer and the singing of the doxology.

OUR BOOK SHELF.

The Homiletic Review. This monthly magazine of religious matter is a welcome visitor. It keeps us abreast of theological thought, and makes us acquainted with the topics that are occupying the attention of religious thinkers. The Review Section contains articles written by eminent men upon subjects that are interesting to the general reader as well as to the theological student. In the Sermonic Section we find discourses by leading preachers, both American and European. One or two new departments have recently been added, which renders the *Homiletic Review* still more valuable to ministers and theological students. We refer to the department of Homiletics, in charge of Professor Hoppin, D.D., and that of Pastoral Theology conducted by Professor W. C. Wilkinson, D.D. We have found considerable pleasure in reading the brief discussions that pertain to the work of the Pastor, as they come to us from month to month. For the benefit of those among our subscribers who do not see the *Homiletic Review*, we shall reprint the short article contained in the April number, entitled: That Pastoral Call.

That pastoral call, make it. Do not let it haunt your conscience as a thing that you ought to do to-day, but that you will do to-morrow. Make the call to-day. Promptness will not simply relieve your own feeling; it will enhance the value of your call.

Prepare for making the call. Pray about it, seek to be guided, inform yourself beforehand, as far as is practicable, respecting the circumstances that ought to affect your conduct of the call. Resolve within your heart to make it a *pastoral* call. This does not necessarily mean that you will thrust religion prominently forward. Consider as to that, and act prudently. But in your own secret motive and spirit, let the call be a pastoral, and not a merely social and neighborly, one. It may then, perhaps, be a merely social and neighborly one, in all outward appearance. It *may* be, we say. In a case, for instance, in which the family called upon will probably expect a mere perfunctory official call made in the way of routine duty on the part of the Pastor—he going about his beat, like a watchman of the city, simply to complete a prescribed round of visitation—in such a case it may be well to disabuse the persons concerned of their prepossession, by throwing off every ministerial air and coming at once into a real relation with them as a genuine and gentlemanly, and agreeable *fellow-man*. Afterwards, more effectively, you may surprise them again by revealing, under the disguise of the genial gentleman alone recognized before, the new character of a simple, earnest Minister of