

ary, 1842, the students previously studying at Hamilton removed to Kingston; and, on 7th March, 1842, Queen's College was opened under the management of the Principal, Thomas Liddell, D.D., and Rev. P. C. Campbell, A.M., Professor of Classical Literature and Belles Lettres.

The college began with the following theological students: Angus McColl, John McKinnon, Robert Wallace, George Bell, Thomas Wardrope (Ottawa); William Bain (Perth); and John Corbett. Others joined ere long; namely: Patrick Gray (Kingston); Alexander Wallace (Huntingdon); and Lachlan McPherson. There were others, also, in the Literary Department, who afterwards became theological students; such as William S. Ball (Guelph); &c. I find, by my diary, that most of these continued together during three sessions; namely: 1842, 1842-43, and 1843-44. This little band of praying students formed a very happy brotherhood, much attached to each other, and to their professors; applying themselves closely to study, and seldom taking relaxation, save perhaps a good long walk together on a Saturday afternoon. Now and then, some of the theological students would meet together at the house of some mutual friend for the enjoyment of music and genial intercourse, so promotive of elasticity of spirit, health and happiness. The writer also occasionally enjoyed a sail in a boat, with some friend, across the bay; a trip to Fort Henry, or a drive into the country, to visit some relative of his city friends; and, also, sometimes made an evening visit at the house of some kind friend, where he enjoyed free interchange of thoughts and feelings on various literary, social, and religious topics, very much to his profit, both as to expansion of mind and establishment of character. Young men, during their course of study, need relaxation; and nothing tends more to the advancement of their education in its highest sense than the enjoyment of good select society; such as will give ELEVATION AND EXPANSION to their views, and ease and grace to their manners. The leading families of our church, where the colleges are situated, would confer a great boon on the rising ministry, and on our church and country as well, if they would kindly and prudently open their houses to the theological students, and thus assist them in becoming acquainted with society. For a time the writer also spent an hour, of a Friday evening, reading the Septuagint, along with a fellow student, at his father's house; and then enjoying, with the family, the refreshing cup of tea, and the no less exhilarating social converse. Even now, after more than twenty years, he looks back with interest to the pleasant hours thus spent amid the toils of almost incessant study and mental labour. One great defect was the absence of all gymnastic or calisthenic exercises. Frequently has the writer left the college work, after hours of closest application, with a severe pain in his head, and a sense of great weariness and exhaustion, only to walk slowly and quietly home, to resume his wearing mental toil, conscious that a game of ball or cricket would have been of incalculable advantage both to body and mind, yet prevented by the fear that such a liberty would have been considered *unbecoming* his dignity, as a student for the ministry; or, by the fact that such was the general view taken of PUBLIC OPINION by his fellow students, and that they never attempted to transgress in this matter. Now, he is deeply convinced that such exercises would both develop and strengthen the physical powers and mental energies, and enable students far better and much longer to endure the wear and tear of close mental application. Many valuable lives are lost or shortened, and their usefulness greatly curtailed, by want of attention on the part of their teachers and professors to their physical education. Happily, much more attention is given to this now than formerly. Some