

who attended regularly during the whole Session, with the exception of one who had been absent from ill health for two or three meetings. There is one student who has been three terms at the Hall, and will complete his course next Session. There are seven who have been two Sessions. Of the three remaining, two have attended for the last two terms and had the same attention paid to them as regular students, although not entered as such for more than one term. They are all young men of good standing, and I hope will make useful preachers. They attended the class of Systematic and Pastoral Theology, two hours each day, during the Session, when a lecture was read and they were examined on the lecture of the previous day. Discourses and other exercises which had been prescribed, were delivered or read as they had been prepared."

With respect to the class of Biblical Literature, Professor Smith says:—

"During the last Session of the Hall my class consisted of eleven students, all of whom were highly exemplary and distinguished for their regular and punctual attendance and strict compliance with the rules of the Class. Three of these were students of the first year, seven of the second, and one of the third year. I can safely affirm that the class is in a thriving and prosperous condition, and if ably and successfully sustained, is destined to exercise a favorable influence on the future prosperity of our Church. I was anxious to see a Biblical Literature class established long before I had any expectation of having any immediate connection with it, and now that it has come into my hands, I do my best to sustain its credit. During the Session, we went over, in the lectures, a large field, and one certainly not the least important in the course, embracing the greater part of Hermeneutics, and two weeks were devoted to Exegesis. During the progress of these investigations and discussions, the students entered into the different subjects with every appearance of interest and pleasure, giving good evidence, by the promptitude of their answers elicited in the daily examinations and by the general ability of their exercises, that they well understood every topic of discussion. We read a page of Van Der Hought in Hebrew, and about a chapter in Greek every day. We enter on the study of the Chaldee, next Session. Besides the daily examinations, I have been in the practice of presenting exer-

cises on all the important and prominent topics of discussion. In no part of the studies have I observed a more marked and gratifying improvement. I have always prescribed a series of exercises to be prepared during the vacation. Some of these are in Hebrew, some in Greek, and others on some leading topic in the lectures, and one has always been an outline of the course during the preceding Session.

To the Library, already well replenished with valuable treasures of general and theological literature, I am adding, by funds contributed partly by friends and partly by the Board, several first rate works in Biblical Literature, which it did not previously possess."

SEMINARY 1852.

The Theological Seminary for the Session of 1852, was opened on March 3rd, at the usual place of meeting, the proprietors of the Hall having generously placed it at the disposal of the Board for another year. "There are now 28 students in attendance, of these 18 are attending the Natural Philosophy Class, 8 the Logic, and 20 the Mathematical Class. In the Languages, 21 attend the senior Latin, and 6 the junior Latin; 20 the senior Greek, and 7 the junior Greek class.

In addition to those who are in actual attendance, five others have attended, three of whom are confidently expected to return and complete their curriculum.—Large additions have been made to the apparatus for the benefit of experimental illustration in the Natural Philosophy Class. Of these additions, some are by gift, and some by purchase. A large proportion is the gift of the Rev. William McCulloch, and a considerable quantity the private property of the Professor, but available for the Seminary. Several valuable books have been added to the Library, partly by gift and partly by purchase." With such an authentic record of the internal arrangements of the Seminary, the Board feel confident that the Synod must be highly gratified.

It will be observed that the Philosophical Department has been completed by the institution of the Natural Philosophy Class, and although the apparatus is as yet, of necessity, somewhat limited and imperfect, a very useful and interesting course of experimental illustration may nevertheless accompany the prelections of the Professor.