

short sketch will be perused with interest, and the example thus set by these young persons, may be advantageously proposed for imitation by others. But the classes, male and female, are well worthy of all encouragement, and the missionary efforts they may put forth, in behalf of the cause of God, at home or abroad, must be anything but unfavorable to their own religious improvement.

REV. DR. DUFF.

Our beloved Missionary is proceeding on his work of exploration. The fruits of his Christian researches will soon be imparted to us in their fulness. Meanwhile we rejoice in being able to present every note like the following, which indicates his return to us for the purpose of awakening our slumbering energies on behalf of the great field of his devotion.

LETTER—REV. DR. DUFF TO THE CONVENOR.
Lahore, 31st Dec. 1843.

MY DEAR MR. TWEDIE.—This famous capital I reached on Wednesday last, having on my way visited Jullunder and Umritsur, the sacred city of the Sikhs; and to-day I proceed to Ferozepore, in order to get a boat there, to take me down the Sutlej and Indus. I have since my arrival, been busily at work inspecting the different localities in this city and neighbourhood; the city, a mighty fortress of the Great Mogul;—the neighbourhood strewn with decayed monuments and tombs of forgotten memories; and the whole the scenes of recent anarchy and tragedies among the most terrific recorded in the eventful history of man; but all now seemingly enjoying as complete a repose as if ages of peace and plenty had rolled over them. Yesterday I had the privilege of preaching the everlasting gospel to an assembly of upwards of two hundred ladies and gentlemen, civil and military, in the great hall of the Government House, now worthily occupied by Sir Henry Lawrence, whose guest I have been since my arrival. And, as indicative of the radicalness of the change that has come over the firmament of former power and glory in this city, I may state that I had the option of holding public worship either in the Government House, formerly the residence (though now greatly enlarged) of the renowned Runjeet Singh's French generals, or in the great audience or Durbar Hall of the Mahomedan emperors and Sikh Maharajahs. What a change! The tidings of the great salvation sounding in these halls—once the abodes of the lord-paramount of the most antichristian systems and monarchies! Surely, the Creator hath gone up before us, though in the rough and giant form of blood-stained war. God in mercy grant that in these regions, so repeatedly drenched with human blood, men may soon learn to "beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks;" and thus cultivate the art of peace, and make progress in the lessons and practice of heavenly piety!

Many of our friends in these quarters have been very anxious that we should extend a branch of our mission to Lahore. And, if we did so, I doubt not that very considerable local support would be obtained. But it appears that the missionaries of the American Presbyterian Church, who have for years occupied many important stations in Northern India, had long contemplated the establishment of a mission at Lahore. For the promotion of this object, two of their number reached this place some time ago; and already have some practical steps been taken in connection with their long-projected design. Such being the fact, let us rejoice that brethren like-minded with ourselves, not only in articles of faith but of discipline and government, have so seasonably and so vigorously entered on a field so vast and so promising. With thirty-five millions of uncourted heathen in the single province of Bengal, we can have little real temptation to rush into regions so remote, and

so much less densely peopled. But let us, if possible, speedily spread out from our various centres until we pervade the whole land.—Yours, &c.
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KNOX'S COLLEGE—CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

The closing examinations commenced on the 8th ult. During the two first days the several classes were exercised in answering printed questions, which were put into the hands of the Students in the class rooms, and which they were required to answer in writing on the spot, without aid from books. Some 30 or 40 leading questions on the studies of the session, were given to the students of each class. The written answers were handed to the several Professors, and after being examined, were returned with remarks endorsed. As the students had no previous knowledge of the questions propounded, and no assistance of any kind afforded them, the examination tested their powers and showed to what extent they had profited by the labours of the session.

We are happy to announce, on the best authority, that, although, there were various degrees of excellence among these written exercises, they were, on the whole, very satisfactory to the Professors, and creditable to the young men; evincing a thorough acquaintance with the several subjects of study, to which they had devoted themselves during the last six months.

On Wednesday, the 10th, the public oral examinations began, and lasted for a week. The different classes were examined in the following order, viz: Logic and Rhetoric; Theology; (Latin readings in Turretin); Moral Philosophy; Hebrew, Junior and Senior Classes; Church History; Biblical Criticism, with readings in the Greek and Hebrew Scriptures; Theology Proper; Mental Philosophy; Greek and Latin, two classes each; History, Geography, and General Grammar.—There were also private examinations of those who had finished their curriculum, as well as of such as might be employed as Catechists during the recess.

Whilst the examinations were going on, a number of the friends of the Institution, residing in the city, and some from a distance, were present. We noticed with pleasure the attendance of a number of ladies, whose presence was calculated both to cheer and to stimulate. Among them were several who have made praise-worthy exer-

tions to sustain the College. Had it been possible for all who support it to be present during these closing exercises, and to see and hear what has been accomplished, we feel satisfied that the means of upholding such an Institution would be gladly and promptly furnished.

On Wednesday His Excellency the Governor General, attended by Col. Bruce and another of his staff, visited the College, and listened with most marked attention to a searching examination, by the Rev. Dr. Willis, of his Theological class. It was gratifying to all connected with the Institution, to hear each student, when called upon by name, answer with such general accuracy and promptitude most difficult questions, and all acquire themselves so creditably in the presence of the distinguished visitors. The range of questions put by the Rev. Dr., embraced the whole system upon which he had lectured during the winter.

His Excellency expressed his high satisfaction in a very appropriate speech.

After the closing prayer, His Lordship took a view of the Library, which contains some 3000 volumes, many of them rare and valuable works in the various departments of literature and science.

The examinations were continued daily up to the 16th. Throughout the whole of these trying days the interest was kept up, and the fact satisfactorily established, that while the Professors have enjoyed uninterrupted good health, and have been able assiduously to devote themselves to their arduous duties, the Students have with commendable diligence attended to their studies and profited by the prelections. The laborious Session now closed has been agreeably and profitably spent. In these respects it has been second to none that have preceded it. Both teachers and taught can look back upon it with lively satisfaction. We discovered an unusual sadness in the countenances of our young friends when about to separate, and leave the scenes of many hallowed associations.

As in former years, the Divinity Students have been sent forth into the Missionary Field, to labour as Catechists. As we have remarked in another column, it is not because such a course is desirable, but because it cannot well be avoided, that the system is pursued.

On Wednesday the 17th, the Professors severally addressed the students, giving them instructions and counsel. In the evening the closing exercises were conducted in Knox's Church. The good attendance of friends, on the occasion, evinced the interest taken in the Institution.

The Rev. Dr. Burns presided, and opened the meeting with praise and prayer. On the call of Dr. Burns,

Dr. Willis addressed the meeting, reviewing the session, expressing gratitude to God, that while in sister Institutions death had entered among Professors and Students, here there had not been any serious indisposition, but all had prosecuted their various duties without interruption. After stating his dislike of excessive laudation, and expressing himself gratified with the proficiency of the several classes; the Rev. Dr. alluded facetiously to the rude and ungentelemanly manner in which he and other graduates of British Univer-