

Mental Philosophy—Rev. Professor Esson.
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Junior Hebrew—Rev. W. Rintoul.
Senior Hebrew—ditto.
Biblical Criticism—ditto.

HISTORY—Rev. R. McCorkle, Deputy from the Free Church of Scotland.

Evidences of Natural and Revealed Religion—Rev. R. McCorkle, Deputy from the Free Church of Scotland.

System of Theology—Rev. R. McCorkle, Deputy from the Free Church of Scotland.

Church History and Pastoral Theology—Rev. Dr. Burns.

The session lasted from the 3rd November until the 6th April.

Bursaries for aiding students, and as incentives to study, were awarded in the middle of February. The most of these were competed for by examinations, founded on the course of study pursued in each class. Questions, previously prepared by the Professors, were dictated to the students, and the answers were written out. In a few cases, Bursaries were given for Essays.

The Record for February and March contained an enumeration of the Bursaries, and the names of the successful competitors. We shall here give a continuous list, in the order of the scheme of competition, as first advertised, referring to our former accounts of them for more particulars:

1. The JOHN KNOX BURSARY (£15), for the highest attainments in Systematic Theology—Mr. John Black; Mr. Andrew Hudson was second in order of merit.

2. Bursary for greatest proficiency in Church History and Biblical Criticism (£10)—Mr. Wm. Hall; Mr. John Black was first in Biblical Criticism.

3. A Bursary for the greatest proficiency in the evidences of Natural and Revealed Religion (£10)—Mr. Robert Ure; Mr. John Gray second in order of merit.

4. A Bursary for the greatest proficiency in Hebrew (£10)—Mr. John Black first; Mr. John Ross second; the Bursary was awarded to the latter, Mr. Black having previously had the John Knox Bursary awarded him.

5. A Bursary for the highest attainments in Logic and Moral Philosophy (£10); the order of merit—Mr. Robert Ure first, Mr. John Ross second; Mr. George Jamieson third. The Bursary fell to the last, the others having been successful in other competitions.

6. A Bursary for highest attainments in Mental Philosophy (£5)—Mr. William Wallace.

7. The GEORGE BUCHANAN BURSARY for highest attainments in Latin and Greek (£15)—Mr. John Gray.

8. A Bursary for proficiency in Latin (£5)—Mr. John Alexander.

9. A Bursary for greatest proficiency in Latin and Greek Grammar (£5)—Mr. Geo. Watdope.

10. The Bursary of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland for greatest proficiency in Greek (£10); the order of merit—Mr. John Ross first; Mr. Peter Currie second; the Bursary was awarded to the latter, Mr. Ross having previously obtained one.

11. A Bursary for greatest proficiency in General History, Chronology and Antiquities (£7 10s.); order of merit—Mr. Robert Ure first, Mr. George Jamieson second; Mr. Wm. McLaren third. The Bursary was given to the third, the first and second having been successful in other competitions.

12. A Bursary for the best Essay on the peculiar influences, favourable and unfavourable, that operate on the character of settlers in Canada (£7 10s.)—Mr. Thomas Burnett.

13. A Bursary for the best Essay on the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Primitive Church (£7 10s.)—Mr. Archibald Currie.

14. A Bursary for the best Essay on the adaptation of the sensitive nature of man for the ends of his knowledge, and enjoyment (£7 10s.)—Mr. John Gourlay.

At the close of the course, prizes of books were bestowed in every Class, and there, in most cases, by the vote of the students themselves. Those who were honoured with prizes, are as follows:—

SENIOR DIVINITY CLASS.—1. Mr. John Black, Toronto.—2. Mr. John Scott, Toronto.—3. Mr. Andrew Hudson, Galt. Mr. James Nesbit also received a prize for clemency in this class.

JUNIOR DIVINITY CLASS.—1. Mr. Robert Ure, Hamilton.—2. Mr. John Gray, Montreal.—3. Mr. John Gourlay, March, C. W. (Professor McCorkle's prize.)

SENIOR HEBREW CLASS.—Mr. John Black.

JUNIOR HEBREW CLASS.—Mr. John Scott.

For the best written specimen of a paradigm of a Hebrew verb, in all its forms, with points—Mr. John Ross, Zorra, C. W. (Mr. Rintoul's prize.) Mr. William S. Hall and Mr. John Black also received prizes for their specimens.

SENIOR MENTAL PHILOSOPHY.—1. Mr. Robert Ure.—2. Mr. John Ross.

JUNIOR MENTAL PHILOSOPHY.—1. Mr. John Gray.—2. Mr. J. Gourlay.—3. Mr. Andrew Wilson.

RHETORIC.—Mr. John Gray, Montreal.

HIGHEST GREEK CLASS.—Mr. John Gray, Montreal.

SECOND GREEK CLASS.—1. Mr. George Watdope, Lamboro, C. W.—2. Mr. Robert Swinton, Montreal.

HIGHEST LATIN CLASS.—Mr. George Jamieson, Toronto.

SECOND LATIN CLASS.—1. Mr. Wm. Wallace, Barre, C. W.—2. Mr. Andrew Wilson, Colaburg.

FIRST GREEK CLASS.—1. Mr. Lachlan McMillan, Inverness, C. B.—2. Mr. Andrew Tolmie, Toronto.

FIRST LATIN CLASS.—1. Mr. Andrew Tolmie.—2. Mr. Lachlan McMillan.

ENGLISH READING AND ELOCUTION.—1. Mr. Thomas Henning, Toronto Academy.—2. Mr. Robert Ure.—3. Mr. John Scott, Mr. John Black and Mr. Andrew Wilson, equal.

We are not without hopes, that we may yet be able to give a place in our pages to the questions that were proposed to the students in the different branches of Theology and Philosophy in the competition for the Bursaries, and also to the outlines of the course pursued in the different classes. The documents would afford our readers some means of judging of the thoroughness of the Collegiate course.

During the session, a considerable number of the students were occasionally employed as Catechists at the Mission Stations in the neighbourhood of Toronto. The most of those who were so employed, and a few others, will be similarly occupied during the summer vacation. Two have been licensed by the Presbytery of Toronto since the close of the session, viz., Mr. James Boyd and Mr. Robert Burns. A few have gone to reside with their parents and friends to pursue their studies privately, while a number of them are now in attendance on the Academy and the lectures of Mr. Esson.

At the close of the session, on an occasion of the meeting of the whole College, Professors and Students, with a few members of the College Committee, at a *Soiree* given by one of the Professors, thanks were voted to the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland for the renewed token of their regard to our church in sending forth Mr. McCorkle to assist in the College—to that gentleman himself, for the ardour and ability with which he had devoted himself to the work of teaching in the important departments committed to him, and also to the congregation of the Free Church, St. Nuns, Scotland, for the sacrifice made by them in behalf of our Colonial Church, in sparing Mr. McCorkle so long to the College. The thanks to Mr. McCorkle's congregation were afterwards embodied in a gift of £20, currency, for his Congregational or Sabbath School Library—a sum which was raised by subscriptions from amongst the Professors and their families, and a few of the members of Knox's Church, Toronto.

The students presented Mr. McCorkle himself with a very handsome Writing Desk, and a Gold Pen, as a memorial of their esteem and gratitude.

The students have a Missionary Society, designed for spreading missionary intelligence, and for cultivating a missionary spirit. Of this Society the Professors are honorary Presidents. During the year immediately preceding this last Winter Session, when their number was much smaller than what it now is, they collected about £25 for the Foreign Missions of the Free Church of Scotland.

Towards the close of the session, a very solemn and interesting meeting of this Society was held, to hear an address from the Rev. Mr. Doudier, one of the missionaries of the French Canadian Missionary Society. Addresses were delivered also by the Professors, intermingled with applications to the Throne of Grace. At a subsequent meeting, of a similar kind, it was resolved that one of the students should be called to the missionary work amongst the French Canadians, and sustained by the Society. The enterprise, and the election of the missionary, were commended to God in special exercises of prayer by the students, and when they met to make a choice, the vote fell on Mr. John Black. Mr. Black is one of the senior students. His name, it will be seen, stands amongst the highest in the list of the successful candidates for honours. Mr. Black, at first, met the call with something like a declination, but after lengthened counsel with a Committee of Professors and Students, and deliberation and prayer, he declared his consent to it; and he is forthwith to devote himself to the study of the French language in Canada East, in connexion with the theological studies which he has yet to prosecute previous to his being licensed as preacher of the Gospel.

This undertaking we regard as a highly important event in the history of the College and of the Church. We trust that it has originated from some manifestation of Divine influence amongst us—for certainly any copious effusion of the Holy Spirit will fill and possess the whole Church, the Ministry, and the College with the spirit of missions.

We have said that two of the students have this session completed their Collegiate studies, and are now licensed as Probationers. Some of our readers will, perhaps, learn with regret, that so other students but these are this year to be given over permanently to the work of preaching. But it should be known, that whatever opinions may be entertained of the ripeness of the gifts of some of them, there is not one of them who thought so favourably of himself as even to consent to an application being made for his being licensed this season. Those who are most advanced in theological study are desirous of prosecuting it still farther before they become teachers of others. And it admits of no doubt, that a fall and even protracted academical course, is best for the preacher himself, and the people among whom he is destined to labour. In the present exigencies of the church in this land, when so many congregations and stations are without pastors and missionaries, our students could scarcely be allowed to pursue anything like a full academical course, if they were not giving some aid to the church as exhorters or catechists.

We know that some of our brethren look with suspicion on the employment of students in any ministerial service as being an interference with their studies; but, apart from all other reasons that may be pleaded for engaging theological students in some department of public instruction, it may be urged in our case that necessity requires us to do so. We cannot refuse the calls that are addressed to us from all quarters for religious ordinances; and it is better to supply this partially by our more advanced students, than to push them prematurely into the full status of preachers. By keeping them students and some *secunde* students as long as we can, we are in the way of capacitating them for wearing well in ministerial work.

Our seminary, we rejoice to say, is remembered by a goodly number in their supplications at the Throne of Grace. And we trust that these remarks may contribute to increase an interest in it among the readers of the Record.