

The natural ambition is to stand well at examinations, and we too often study with that end in view rather than read widely that we may get a broader grasp of truth. These mid-sessional examinations strengthen this natural inclination and we, moreover, complacently congratulate ourselves on our acquaintance with a subject because, forsooth, we have made a good mark.

Could not these formal tests be set aside at least in the midst of our short term, and give us two weeks additional for regular study. Examinations are at best but a necessary evil, why then should they be multiplied?

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IN these days when naturalistic theories seek to do away with everything in heaven above and to account for everything on the earth beneath, such a subject as the "Relation of Morality to Religion" has more than speculative interest. Such being the case, it is to be regretted that a combination of circumstances led to a small attendance at the meeting of the Theological Society on November 27th, when this subject was discussed. Mr. R. G. Strathie introduced the subject in a carefully prepared paper, in which the incident problems were presented in Mr. Strathie's usual able style. Some of our heavy doers were among the absent on this occasion, but notwithstanding this there was enough talent left to occupy profitably the whole time. Dr. Currie was present at this meeting for the first, but we trust, not the last time.

ON December 11th, the Society considered the life and writings of Sir Walter Scott, introduced in a paper by Mr. J. D. McKay. The writer had made a special study of this subject, and when Mr. McKay specializes in any subject, abstract or concrete, he is sure to do it thoroughly. Under different circumstances the paper would have been considered long, but it was so full of interesting facts and suggestions that when it was finished we were not quite sure whether to be glad that we had received so much or sorry that there was not more. There was a large attendance at this meeting, and the hour for closing came.