

Ten students entered the Hall, viz :—Of the fourth year,—Messrs. Peter Goodfellow, James Milligan, John Turnbull, and Joseph White, B.A. Of the third year,—Messrs William Thompson Murdoch and William Richardson. Of the second year,—Mr. James Malcolm; and of the first year,—Messrs. Alexander Kennedy Baird, William Caven, and James Harley. Satisfactory arrangements were made with all the students respecting study, during the Session.

The sub-Committee for examination have reported as follows :—

"Toronto, 7th Nov, 1860.—The Examiners met. The Rev. Dr. Thornton in the chair. Proceeded to estimate the papers given in by the students, and after careful consideration agreed to arrange the writers of them in the following order of merit, viz :—Of the fourth year,—Mr. Goodfellow, Messrs Milligan and White, who are bracketed. Of the third year,—Mr. Murdoch, Mr. Richardson. Of the second year—there being only one student, Mr. Malcolm, and consequently no direct competition, the examiners agreed to declare that they considered his papers as good. Of the first year,—Mr. Baird, Mr. Caven. Messrs. Turnbull and Harley did not enter the Hall till after the examination, but they subsequently performed the exercises, and the sub-Committee, while regretting the lateness of their arrival, agreed that Mr. Turnbull's papers were equal to those of Mr. Goodfellow and Mr. Harley's to those of Mr. Caven. Messrs. Milligan, Turnbull, White, Murdoch, Malcolm, and Baird, applied for Exhibitions, and £10 was granted to each."

Mr. George Irving agreeably to appointment of last Synod, underwent examination, and the Committee were so far satisfied as to agree that no opposition should be made to his being taken on trial for license. Mr. Hay, who borrowed £10, in November, 1859, from the fund for aiding and encouraging students in Divinity, has not undergone examination as directed by Synod, nor has he repaid the loan.

There was last year a balance of £106 13s. 6d. in favour of the fund for aiding and encouraging students in Divinity, which, with £6 10s. as interest, amounts to £113 3s. 6d. The Committee have received for this fund,—From Thomas Sandilands, Esq., Guelph, £10; from William Dunbar, Esq., Dunbarton, £10; from Walkerton, £2 10s.; from Kincardine, £1 5s.; and from Paris, £3 15s; making in all £140 13s. 6d. The Committee, besides £70 for Exhibitions, have paid £2, as part of the fee of eight students attending a class of Elocution, leaving a balance of £68 13s. 6d. There was last year a balance against the Library of £1 13s. 6½d. The Committee have received for this object,—From Newcastle, 15s. and from Newton, £1; yielding in favour 1s. 6½d. The Committee are prepared to hand over to the Synod these two balances, amounting to £68 15s. 0½.

The Session of the Divinity Hall closed on Wednesday, 10th April. The Rev. the Moderator occupied the chair. There were present of the Committee also,—Rev. Drs. Thornton, Ormiston, and Taylor; and Rev. Messrs. Kennedy, Dick, and King. After singing and reading the Scriptures, Mr. Kennedy offered up prayer. Dr. Taylor read his concluding lecture, in which he stated that the students had been examined in Theology, on Dr. Dick's Lectures, from the beginning to Lecture 27th inclusive. In Church History, on Mosheim's Work, from the beginning to the close of the fifth century; that in Greek they had read all the principal facts recorded in the Gospels respecting Jesus Christ, omitting only his Teaching and his Miracles; that in Hebrew they had read the 16th, 17th, 18th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd chapters of Genesis, and also some selected Messianic passages from other parts of the Bible, along with all which, they had read the corresponding portions of the Septuagint; that each had delivered a discourse, and had given in three essays on prescribed subjects. All of them he stated had conducted themselves with propriety, and had been blessed with excellent health.

The Rev. James Skinner, at the request of the chairman, offered up prayer, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

The Committee afterwards inquired respecting the literary and philosophical studies in which the students had been engaged, and obtaining satisfactory information, certificates were granted, as required by the Synod.