

by the Scottish Reformation Society to the Theological Halls of Toronto, Montreal, and of the Lower Provinces, for the best and second best examinations on Romanism, our Professors offered a weekly lecture on the subject, opening the lectures and prizes to the students of Dalhousie College.

Professor McKnight delivered six lectures, with oral examinations, on the "Infallibility of the Church;" and Rev. Dr. King six lectures on the Papacy, embracing the following topics:—

I. Scripture predictions of a remarkable power to arise in New Testament times. These predictions fulfilled in the Papacy, as set forth in its own assertions and claims.

II. Consideration of the arguments which the Papacy employs in support of its claims—1st, The Supremacy of Peter.

III. 2nd, Peter Bishop of Rome.

IV. 3rd, Peter transmitted his alleged supremacy to the Bishops of Rome.

V. The circumstances which favored the development of a power preferring such claims.

VI. The actual working of the Papacy thus developed.

The first prize of \$50 was awarded to Hugh McD. Scott, of Dalhousie College, and the second to Mr. John Murray, student of Theology of the first year, and for the third in excellence a suitable theological work was presented to Mr. John C. Meek, also theological student of the first year.

THE CLOSING MEETING.

The closing meeting of the present year had some peculiar features of interest. Rev. Kenneth J. Grant, missionary to Trinidad, was present by request of the students, and his address following the Secretary's lecture on Missions imparted quite an evangelistic character to the meeting, while the affectionate addresses of the Students to their Professors, and especially their farewell address to the venerable Principal and his valedictory read to them, touched all hearts, and awakened feelings of sorrow for the loss sustained, and of anxiety respecting the future of our Theological School.

Nor can the Board close their present report without bearing their united testimony to the ability, fidelity, and zeal with which the retiring Professor of Systematic Theology has for the last 22 years served the church, in pulpit, Presbytery and Synod, but, more especially, in his own peculiar place of influence and power, the School of the Prophets. Our desire is still to see him at our Board, that we may enjoy his counsel, and while willing that he should be released in great measure from care and labour, we hope that he may continue to retain a close connection with our Theological Institution.

DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.

Interested as this Synod is in the prosperity of Dalhousie College, we are gratified

to notice that its classes have been well attended,—the number of students at last session being over sixty. A large proportion of these belongs to our church. Of the five who graduated, we claim four. Many of the young men attended Bible Classes in our city churches, and a number did missionary work in connection with various evangelistic movements in Halifax. The conduct of the students has been exemplary, and gives promise of high excellence and Christian usefulness in riper years.

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS.

This Board notices with satisfaction that a larger proportion of the Dalhousie students are undergraduates, and think that a uniform, stringent, written examination for admission to the Hall should test all who shrink from the competition of the regular collegiate classes. It is no real kindness to the Student who contents himself with the smallest amount of classical and literary training, to open wide the door of theology, as if we believed that without learning and without thorough habits of study a man may succeed as a minister.

It is for the Synod to consider whether the time has not come for the appointment of one or more Boards of Examiners, to whom shall be delegated the special work of examination, on a uniform system, of all general students seeking admission to the Theological Class Room.

EXPENDITURE ON BUILDING.

We have to report the expenditure of some \$150 on the premises in Gerrish-st. The expenditure was necessary, and the present time, when we are in receipt of rent of \$240 per annum for part of the building, evidently the most suitable. We regret to add that the School Commissioners have given notice of withdrawal from the premises at the close of the present quarter, and we have small prospect of letting the rooms so advantageously on their removal.

LIBRARY.

The Board can report the library in a satisfactory condition, so far as preservation is concerned. A supply of modern works is required to keep it at all abreast of the times; but the Board feel that they have no means of replenishing its shelves. They have pleasure in learning that the Foreign Mission Board will provide a table covered with Foreign Missionary Periodicals available for the students at the next session of the Hall.

The Board would farther inform the Synod that there are a few articles in the library, the remains of what was once designed for a Museum. As these are but trifling in number and in value and of no