

they have been obliged to attend to it a literary department of a preparatory nature, solely from want of confidence in the existing management of the University; but your petitioners would rejoice to be able to avail themselves of the advantages offered to their students at a liberal and ably conducted Seminary of a more public character.

Your petitioners are clearly of opinion that the University of Toronto ought to be entirely freed from all sectarian attachments, and made exclusively a School of Literature and Science on the broadest basis, and on the most liberal principles. They are also of opinion that the appointments to the Chairs, and the whole management of its concerns, ought to be entrusted to an elective body constituted by the local Legislature, and responsible to them.

Your petitioners are also of opinion that additional branches of education ought to be introduced into the scheme of the University, and they would particularly specify—Physical Science, as separated from Mathematics; political economy; Agriculture, and Agricultural Chemistry. They would also recommend, that a new code of laws be drawn up by public authority, for the regulation of the Institution, and that the Senate of the University, to whom their administration may be committed, shall be responsible to an University Court, constituted by the Local Legislature, and bound to report to them year by year as to the funds of the University, and the whole management thereof.

May it therefore please your Honorable House to take the premises into your most serious consideration, and to enact and ordain accordingly.

And your Petitioners shall ever pray.

At Kingston, on the Tenth day of October, 1815. Signed in name of the Commission of Synod, and by their authority by

ROBERT BURNS, Moderator.
WM. RINTOUL, Clerk.

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, TORONTO.

SERIES OF LECTURES IN THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT TORONTO, BY REV. DR. BURNS.

Twelve lectures on Mental Science: its nature, advantages, and relations to Theology; on the Baconian system of philosophy, as applied to the prosecution of theological science; and on the various systems of morals, as tried by the standard of Christian truth.

Twenty-five lectures in the department of Systematic Theology; on the search of religious truth; the spirit with which theology should be studied; preparatory studies; the range of theology; connection between systematic theology and the study of ecclesiastical history; ancient and modern theories regarding the being and perfections of God, as contrasted with the system of the Bible; imperfections of natural theology. General character and claims of revelation; internal evidences and outline of proofs at large; objections grounded on mysteries and supposed opposition to reason examined and refuted. Doctrine of the Trinity; divinity of Christ; incarnation; mediatorial scheme; modern views on the atonement, its nature, extent, and issues; justification by imputed righteousness through faith; divinity, personality, and work of the Holy Spirit; on good works and the place they hold in the Christian system.

A series of expository illustrations on those parts of the Confession of Faith which are embraced in the lectures,—together with the examination of Scripture proofs in the original.

A series of lectures on the leading topics of Church History, from the first century downwards, viewed in connection with the great Questions of Theology.

Lectures on preaching and the pastoral care,—with miscellaneous disquisitions on points of literature and of history, bordering on theology.

There are daily examinations of the Students on all the subjects discussed, and essays prescribed. On Saturday morning an hour and a half are employed in exercises exclusively devotional; and on Monday in revising practically the exercises of the Lord's day.

The Scriptures, in English, are daily read by the Students publicly, at the opening of the Hall, and each Student in turn prays at the close.

Each Professor holds occasionally, in his house, conversational meetings with all the Students, on literature, theology, and subjects of general interest to the Church of God.

HEADS OF LECTURES ON BIBLICAL SCIENCE, IN THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, TORONTO, BY REV. WM. RINTOUL.

1. The importance of the study of the Hebrew language.—(Lecture introductory to the Hebrew course.)

2. The extent and importance of Biblical Science, and its preparatory to its more solid culture.

3. The structure and contents of the Bible—the variety of its contents and authors—a classification of the books which compose it.

4. The original languages of the Bible—their dialectical peculiarities—diversity of style in the different books of Scripture.

5. The text of the holy Scripture—how far uncorrupted—M. S. S.—various readings—means of approximating to the purity of the text, as written by the original penmen.

6. The authenticity and genuineness of the holy Scriptures.

7. The inspiration of the holy Scriptures.

8. The principal ancient versions of the holy Scriptures.

9. English versions—the merits of our authorized version—accumulation of materials for an improved version.

10. The interpretation of the holy Scriptures.

11. Difficulties in the holy Scriptures—an attempt to classify them.

12. Examples of difficulties in the various classes.

13. Difficulties in the Bible compatible with its inspiration—those gradually lessening with the progress of Biblical science and the advancement of the Gospel age.

14. The transmission and importance of a thorough knowledge of the holy Scriptures to the Christian Minister—the subordination of the critical to the devotional study of the Scriptures.

NOTE.—On one of the above heads more than one lecture will be given.

There are two Hebrew classes, a junior and a senior; in the latter, the portion of the Hebrew text read is revised once a week, and compared with the Septuagint and the Latin of the Vulgate and Junius.

Mr. Rintoul has also two classes in the Greek, in which, on two days of the week, he is assisted by Mr. Esson.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

MOVEMENT, 26th Nov., 1815.

Which day the Presbytery of Montreal, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada met within Cote Street Church and was constituted.

Serjeant—Mr. Thomas Henry, Moderator, Mr. John Clugston, and Mr. David Black, Ministers; and Messrs. Leslie and Redpath, Elders.

The Minutes of the former meeting were read and approved of. Mr. Clugston was elected Moderator till next meeting of Synod.

Mr. Clugston gave in the following report of the induction to the pastoral charge at Portneuf of Mr. Simon Cummings Fraser, formerly of Kennebec Road and parts adjacent:—

Portneuf, 15th Oct., 1815.

The Rev. John Clugston, of Quebec, and the Rev. Alexander N. Somerville, of Glasgow, met for the purpose of inducing the Rev. Simon C. Fraser, A. M., as the Minister of the Presbyterian Congregation at Portneuf. Mr. Somerville stated that he held a Commission from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland as a deputy to the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Mr. Clugston reported that he had served the Elders respecting Mr. Fraser's induction; whereupon proclamation was made at the Church door of the place of worship three several times, that if any one had objections to the life or doctrine of Mr. Fraser, said objections would now be heard. No objections having been tendered, the officiating minister, Mr. Somerville, proceeded with the service.

After an appropriate sermon, and after the usual questions were put to Mr. Fraser and satisfactory answers were received, he was solemnly admitted to the pastoral charge of the congregation. The Minister and people were then suitably and solemnly addressed on their respective duties.

Mr. Redpath gave in a report of the proceedings of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee for the last few months, and also the Treasurer's account with the statement of the Funds, by which it appears that there is a balance of £36 12s 4d in the hands of the Treasurer; but which will be absorbed by the amount ordered to be paid by the Presbytery, at its last meeting, of £37 to Mr. Cairns, out of the proportion of the Fund belonging to this Presbytery granted by the Free Church and also a further sum due to Mr. Gray, all of which was highly approved of by the Presbytery. Upon which the Presbytery instructed the Moderator to write to the Convener of the Colonial Committee, stating the destitute condition of the settlement in general, and requesting him earnestly to press upon the Committee the urgent necessity there exists for one or two missionaries.

A letter was read by the Clerk, which he had received from the Rev. Mark Y. Stark, respecting the admission of the Rev. Dr. Ferrier into the Synod.

A letter from the Rev. Mr. Cairns (Missionary at Mot's) containing a report of his proceedings for the last few months was also read, which was put into the hands of the Moderator with a request that he should reply to it.

The Presbytery appointed the following supplies for St. Etienne, for the four following months:—Mr. Black, for the third Sabbath in December; St. Gabriel Street Church is to furnish a minister for the third Sabbath of January; Cote Street Church for the third Sabbath of February; and Mr. Henry is to officiate on the third Sabbath of March.

A call from the St. Gabriel Street Congregation to the Rev. Willa Leishman, was laid on the table, as also a letter containing an engagement for his maintenance, together with a letter of acceptance from Mr. Leishman, whereupon the Presbytery assented to it.

Mr. Leishman requested that the Presbytery would proceed with all convenient speed with Mr. Leishman's ordination, according to the rules of the church. The Presbytery therefore resolved to take him upon trials for ordination, and appoint him in the following subjects:—For a popular sermon, John III. 3; and for a lecture, Matt. VII., 24—27, inclusive.

The Presbytery empowered the Moderator to call a meeting of Presbytery for hearing Mr. Leishman's trials for ordination, provided he should be ready before the next meeting of Presbytery, and further empower the Presbytery at said meeting to appoint, if it see fit, the day for Mr. Leishman's ordination.

A call from the Cote Street Church congregation to the Rev. John Bonar, of the Free Church of Scotland, Minister of Larbert, was laid on the table with the request from the congregation that the Presbytery should use every means for furthering their object, and the Presbytery instructed the Moderator to write to the Convener of the Colonial Committee, setting forth the advantages which would accrue to the Church in this country, as well as to the congregation from the settlement of such a minister amongst them, and mentioning the names of the individuals at home who are to act as Commissioners in prosecuting the call.

The Presbytery appoint their next ordinary meeting on the 1st Wednesday of February next, within St. Gabriel Street Church, and this order was closed with prayer.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Presbytery by
DAVID BLACK,
Presbytery Clerk.

Home Missions.

NARRATIVE OF REV. A. MACKINTOSH

(CONTINUED)

NOTTAWASAGA, &c.

To the Editor of the Record.

In my last communication I gave you a brief narrative of my missionary labours till I left the Owen Sound settlement, which I did on Wednesday evening, the 20th of March, intending to be at St. Vincent, the adjoining township, to preach on the following evening, in the house of a Mr. Whitehaw. It was so late in the evening, however, before I arrived, that there was time to send word to only one or two Scotch families in the neighbourhood, though I told several Presbyterians and other families on my way, who did not at-