

1. The Committee would recommend, in order to bring the state of the Church fully before the members, that the Report be submitted in a printed form to every congregation within the bounds, so that the matter may be leisurely considered by the people before they are appealed to.

2. That the requirements of the several schemes be presented in a distinct form, so that the people may not be in the dark as to the necessity of the case, and that for this purpose the probable estimates of each Synodical year be drawn up by the Agent of the Church.

3. That a balance sheet for the past year be presented at each meeting of Synod, showing the payments made, and the state of the Fund at the end of the year just closed.

4. That this account be audited, and the Auditor's Report printed for the satisfaction of the contributors.

The Committee believe that by the adoption of such a plan, the confidence of the Church will be maintained, and its contributions augmented to the necessary amount.

In the name of the Committee,
S. C. FRASER, *Convener*.

REPORT ON REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, &c.

The Committee appointed by the Synod to correspond with the Provincial Government respecting the Registration of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, report,—

That, through the department of Statistics, your Committee has been informed that the Government has agreed, that so far as it is concerned, the sections of the Census Act requiring Ministers to make certain returns shall be a *dead letter*, inasmuch as it is satisfied that the sections do not, in fact, secure the obtaining of the information required; and that it has the whole subject under its consideration, and expects to be able to propose to the Legislature a satisfactory registration law. Your Committee report that an Act has been passed during the late Session, which provides for the registration of marriages, and contains several provisions which will be found satisfactory.

THOMAS LOWRY, *Convener*.
Kingston, June 12th, 1857.

Knox College—Professors' Reports.

REPORT OF PROFESSOR YOUNG'S CLASSES.

The course of study pursued in the Class of Exegetical Theology in Knox College last Session, was as follows:—The Books of Amos, Habakkuk, Nahum, and Haggai, with the first five chapters of Zechariah, were read in the original Hebrew by the students; and after each book had been thus gone over, it was expounded by the Professor. It is right to remark here that the progress of the students was considerably retarded by their generally imperfect acquaintance with the Hebrew language. The Professor purposes, if spared, to read with his Exegetical class next session, in the same manner as described above, some of the New Testament as well as of the Old; and to deliver a brief course of lectures on the principles of Scripture Exposition.

In the philosophical classes, the subjects of study were, as usual, Logic and the Elements of Mental Philosophy, for students in the Junior department: and Mental Philosophy (continued), with Ethics, for those in the Senior department.

Each of the students in the second year of their theological course prepared an "Exercise and Addition," and Essays were written by all the students in the philosophical classes. Each of the classes met one hour per day during five days in the week.

June 9, 1857.

REPORT OF DR. BURNS' CLASSES.

CHURCH HISTORY.—The course of lectures from April 1856 to April 1st, 1857, embraced the following topics:—

I. History in general—its nature, objects, and uses; best method of studying it, chart of ancient, mediæval, and modern history; characters of leading historical writers, ancient and modern.

II. Sketches historical and argumentative of questions and opinions, respecting,—

(1.) The Mosaic History of Creation and of the Deluge.

(2.) The Common Origin of the Human Family.

(3.) The primitive condition of man, or (as it has been called) the state of nature.

(4.) The connection between Ancient Sacred and profane history.