

pared two Essays, one on the Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, and the other on the Province of Reason in Interpretation. Each of the students of the second year also prepared a Greek and a Hebrew Exegesis on subjects assigned at the close of the preceding term. All of these exercises were read in the class, and criticized by the students themselves with excellent results.

In closing I can heartily testify to the christian deportment, commendable diligence, and good progress of the students.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Session closed on the 9th of April, at a public meeting in the College Hall. Suitable addresses were delivered to the Students by Rev. Messrs. McLean and Mowitt, and devotional services conducted by Rev. Messrs. Smith, Dickie and McNeill. Six of the Students were sent forth by the Home Mission Board as Catechists, and the addresses had special reference to their duties, first as Students, and 2ndly as Evangelists.

DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.

The Board have much pleasure in reporting that the Dalhousie College Session for 1873—4, which closed on the 24th of April, has proved most successful; the Students, in Arts, numbering 78, and in Medicine, 29, thus making in all, 107. Seven Students graduated. In the College and Hall, the health of the Professors and Students was remarkably good.

THE HUNTER PRIZES.

The examinations for the allotment of the three prizes of \$50, \$40, and \$30, provided some years ago by the liberality of C. D. Hunter, Esq., of Halifax, took place after the New Year's holidays. The Committee had in good time announced the subjects, viz., in Greek, the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, also from Epistle to James, to Revelation, inclusively with Gospels of Matthew and Mark, and in Theology the first 365 pages of Dr. Hodge's Systematic Theology.

Papers were received from four Competitors, and the ministers of Halifax and Dartmouth were associated with the Professors in scrutinizing them. In the opinion of all, the papers were, without exception, highly creditable. The answers to the questions, on the different portions of Dr. Hodge's Theology, shewed very careful reading and study, and the Greek exercises, an intimate acquaintance with the original of the new Testament. The prizes were accorded first to D. F. Creol-

man, 2nd to E. Scott, and third to W. P. Archibald. A fourth, of \$20, was added from the interest of the Matheson Bequest to shew the Examiners' appreciation of the papers of Mr. A. Gunn, the fourth competitor.

PROFESSORS' SALARIES.

The Committee gave their earliest and best attention to the Synod's instructions on this subject. Meeting at an early day, they at once appointed a Sub-committee to prepare and issue a circular, giving prominence to the following points:—

First. That in accordance with their own convictions, and the Synod's instructions, that the Salaries of Professors were insufficient for their support, and ought to be largely augmented, they would strive for the present year to increase them by three hundred dollars each.

Secondly. That even this tardy act of justice would be impracticable unless the whole body joined in the effort, and that, therefore, the Board looked for the aid of each congregation.

Thirdly. That ministers would not only aid in this matter, but promote the interests of the Kingdom of Christ otherwise, by preaching on the duty of the Church to make provision for the training of Evangelists and Pastors, of young men to devote themselves to the work of the ministry, of parents to encourage their sons to choose the sacred profession as their life's work, and of all, to provide the means required to have a theological training accessible to our young men without going abroad.

Fourthly. Finally the Board appealed to the ministers of the Church specially and earnestly, to ask their people for a liberal collection or for a contribution in some form, and to act in the matter at once.

The committee met again at the close of the theological term, April 9th, and inquired into the results of the appeal thus made; when it appeared that out of 134 congregations 83 had contributed, with very various degrees of liberality leaving 51 to be heard from. The sum received amounted to \$2020.46, which was below what was asked and expected.

The leading facts of the situation were again laid before the Church in the RECORD and a brief circular sent out again to the ministers of congregations which had not yet responded by collection, and to the Synod Elder of congregations which were vacant. Fifteen collections have since been received, three, however, being second collections from Churches which had given, so that the 51 not heard from are reduced to 39, a portion of which are vacant and some in a condition approaching to disorganization. Still the committee regret to notice that a considerable number of our