

The examinations of the several classes in the faculty of Theology were held at the close of the Session, and the following gentlemen acted as Associate-Examiners:—viz.: The Rev. G. H. Wells, with Dr. Wilkes; the Rev. J. L. Forster, B.C.L., with Professor Fenwick; and the Rev. James Roy, M.A., with Dr. Stevenson. The thanks of the Corporation are due to these gentlemen for the valuable assistance thus rendered by them.

The results of the examinations are given in appendix to this report. The following award of prizes was made:—

The Calvary Church Silver Medal to Mr. C. E. Bolton.

The Robert Anderson Exhibition of \$50, for the best examination in all the subjects of the Third Year, to C. E. Bolton.

The Robert Anderson Exhibition of \$30, for the best examination in all the subjects of the Second Year, to George Robertson; and

The Robert Anderson Exhibition of \$20, for the best examination in all the subjects of the First Year, to W. H. Way.

The work of the College has been carried on during the past Session in a commodious room in Emmanuel Church building, which has been set apart, free of charge, with fuel and light, by the church for the use of the College, to which also the Library, under the kind supervision of Professor Fenwick, was safely removed during the vacation.

Intimately connected with the work and interest of the College, is the question of the course of study to which your Board have given their careful consideration. And whilst they are not prepared at present to bring before you any specific proposition thereupon, it is yet their decided opinion that the best interests of our Churches demand, now more than ever, a thorough literary culture in our ministers, which shall enable them to be, what they should be, the leaders of thought in their various spheres of influence and of labour. In saying this, your Board wish it to be understood, that they hold more strongly than ever the absolute necessity of proofs of decided consecration to Christ, as the essential and primary requisite in those who present themselves as candidates for the work of the ministry; but this is a matter that more properly appertains to the duty and responsibility of the Churches recommending candidates for admission, and one which cannot be too strongly impressed on their serious attention. The "Shorter," or Theological course, has now undergone the test of some twenty years' trial, and there is good ground to conclude that the results are not to be regarded as satisfactory. Your Board are, therefore, of the opinion that the time has come for dealing with this question in the way of abolishing the Three Years' Course, and of making the course of study for all students extend over five full sessions.

For some years past, it has been a growing conviction with many of the leading friends of the College in Montreal, that in order to secure its full development and efficiency, and also to

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