

light afforded by Scripture, closed with the transactions of the Council held at Chalcedon in 451.

When I came out here nearly twenty-two years ago, my salary commenced with the first of October. The session that closed in the middle of April last, embraced the official work of the year, and entitled me to the salary till the close of September next. This, however, I do not look for. Considering the scant means of the church, I regard myself as treated with great liberality in the arrangement of last Synod for a retiring allowance of six hundred dollars (\$600) per annum, which I suppose will take effect at the close of the current quarter when the chairs which I have hitherto occupied may be formally declared vacant. It may be for the Synod to consider whether it might not be advisable to let the salary of the vacant quarter commencing with the first of July to stand in readiness to be given as salary paid in advance to the individual who may commence his incumbency in these vacant chairs, perhaps about the first of October next. It is pleasing to observe the efforts which some congregations are making to pay their ministers in advance, and it is much to be desired that this were uniformly to be done both with ministers and Professors.

I have a deep sense of the kindness of the Synod, I cherish a warm regard for the individual members of it, and I earnestly pray for the prosperity and progress of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America.

I am, my dear sir,
Yours, very respectfully,
ANDREW KING.

Rev. P. G. MCGREGOR.

REPORT OF REV. PROFESSOR MCKNIGHT.
20th April, 1870.

Rev. Dear Sir,—

I had, as usual, two Hebrew classes during the past session. The senior class comprised four, and the junior six students. In the senior class we read 33 chapters of Hebrew and Chaldee; in the junior 18 chapters. In both classes Green's Grammar was used as a text book, and an exercise in the writing of Hebrew was occasionally prescribed.

I also taught an exegetical class, which was attended by nine students. We read through Alexander on the canon as a class book. In the department of exegetical study of the New Testament we overtook the whole of the Epistle to the Hebrews. I also gave Hermeneutics of the Old Testament—completing the course on that subject on which I had entered in the previous session. The principal topics of discussion this winter were Hebrew prophecy and poetry, and the interpretation of the figur-

ative language in which both abound. Each student wrote two essays in the course of the session.

In conclusion, I have only to express my satisfaction with the diligence of the students, as well as with their general deportment; and to acknowledge the goodness of the Lord in enabling us, teachers and students alike, to prosecute to their close the labours of another session.

A. MCKNIGHT, *Prof. of Heb.*
Rev. P. G. MCGREGOR, *Sec. of Board of Superintendence.*

SPECIAL COURSE.

The special course of Lectures by members of Synod followed the Inaugural of Professor McKnight at intervals with few exceptions of a fortnight, and were delivered in the College Hall, and an opportunity thus afforded to the public to attend. The following brethren delivered lectures on the subjects now to be named:

Rev. Isaac Murray, on "The Development Theory in Theology."

Rev. James Bennet, on "Sources of Theology."

Rev. George Christie, on "The Bearing of Literature and Sciences on qualification for Pastoral work."

Rev. George Patterson, on "The Doctrine of the Trinity underlying the revelation of Redemption."

Rev. Thomas Sedgewick, on "Antichrist."

Rev. A. Ross, on "Preaching and qualifications of the Preacher."

Rev. John McKinnon, on "Geology and Biblical Interpretation."

Rev. Robert Sedgewick, on "Worship and more particularly Public Worship in the Presbyterian Church."

Rev. P. G. McGregor, on "Missions, ancient and mediæval stimulating the church of the present day to carry out the great commission."

The Board would anticipate the objection that the course must have been disconnected and desultory, by acknowledging such to be the fact, and that in this way they were not disappointed. They had reasons for choosing many lecturers and not a few, and therefore for asking a single lecture rather than a series. These reasons are peculiar to the past year and not likely to recur, and if the system of Lectureships should be tried again something more connected and systematic may be attempted. And yet, imperfect as their arrangements were, and unavoidably so, the Board regards the lectures delivered as having served an important purpose, and opened up interesting subjects of thought and reading to the students.

PRIZE EXAMINATIONS ON POPEY.

Another unusual feature in the session past, was the class for the study of the *Romish Controversy*. Two prizes of \$50 and \$25 respectively, having been offered: