

government and discipline. What fruit do you show? What have you done, and what are you doing? The purity of our creeds, the orthodoxy of our systems, our connection with the "church of our fathers," which avail us nothing unless we have the Spirit of Christ, and are members of His body and do His work!

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENCE OF THEOLOGICAL HALL, FOR 1864-5.

The Board of Superintendence of the Theological Hall, having been called into existence by the Synod of last year, in consequence of the removal of the Curriculum of Arts from Truro to Halifax, now beg to lay on your table their first annual report.

On an early day after the rising of the Synod, the Board met and organized itself by appointing Alexander Forrest, M.D., of Halifax, to be chairman, and the Rev. Wm. Maxwell, of Chalmers' Church, to be Secretary.

The Board have to report that, in carrying out the mind of the Synod, the Library, formerly attached to the Truro institution, is being removed to Halifax and there placed in a room of the college properly fitted up for its reception.

The Board further entered on an investigation of the state of the funds at its disposal, with the view of ascertaining the sum necessary to be made up by the church annually, in addition to the proceeds of the invested funds.

After a careful investigation of both income and expenditure, it was found that a sum not less than £367 must be raised annually by collection or otherwise, to meet existing claims.

With a view of bringing this matter fully before the church, the Board prepared and published, in the *Record* of April last, a short statement, in the form of an appeal to the church. In that appeal it is said, "Our educational enterprise is one of considerable magnitude. The expenditure stands thus:

Salaries of two Professors in Dal-	
housie College.....	£600 0 0
Salaries of three Professors in Theo-	
logical Hall.....	610 0 0
Incidental expenses of Hall, say...	50 0 0
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	£1260 0 0

Towards meeting this there is an estimated income from investments of..... 893 0 0

Thus leaving a balance of £367 0 0 to be provided by the church."

Your Board would earnestly recommend to the Synod to devise measures to remove in some regular way, this annual deficiency; for if this sum is not made up, they have no alternative but to draw upon the capital fund, a course manifestly suicidal.

The Board have further to report that the winter session of the Hall was opened on the 31st of October last, by an excellent lecture delivered by Professor McKnight; and closed on the 10th of April.

Written reports on the general efficiency of the Hall, and of the work performed in their respective classes, have been furnished by the three Professors, and are herewith laid on the table.

From these reports it appears that the number of students enrolled for last session was, in all, 20. Of these there were for the first year, 4; for the second, 10; and for the third, 6.

It must be gratifying to the church to learn, as it is matter of devout thankfulness to her great Head, that during the past session the work of the Hall has been performed in a way at once pleasing and satisfactory; and that no serious case of sickness has occurred to interrupt the labours of Professors or Students.

As a pleasing incident connected with the session, the Board would record a spontaneous effort, on the part of the students, to repair and refit the theological class room, from the funds of their missionary association.

In connection with the report of the Professors, your Board would call attention to a statement submitted by Dr. Smith, regarding a certain amount of irregularity, on the part of a few of the students, in their attendance upon the second hour of his class. After mature consideration the Board agreed to lay before the Synod, for its consideration, the following recommendation: "That students be required to attend all the classes forming part of the Theological Curriculum, unless, under peculiar circumstances, they have sought and obtained permission from Presbytery to dispense with some of them."

Your Board cannot close their report without adverting to the great loss recently sustained by this church, in the removal, in God's mysterious providence, of the late amiable and accomplished Prof. McCulloch. The removal of such a man from a sphere of great usefulness in the church, is, at once, a humbling dispensation, and an earnest call to increased diligence and devotedness in the great work assigned us by the master.

All which is respectfully submitted, by authority of the Board of Superintendence.

A. FORREST, Chairman.
W. MAXWELL, Secretary.