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SUBSTANCE OF THE LECTURE READ AT THE CLOSE OF
THE SESSION OF THE U. P. DIVINITY HALL, 10TH
APRIL. BY THE REV. JOHN TAYLOR, D.D.

The Synod having accepted my resignation of the office of Professor, which, during these nine years, I have unworthily held, I can now beg to be heard only as connected with the Committee on Theological Education. But as I have had the superintendence of the Hall during the Session we are closing, I may be allowed, as usual, to refer to the studies with which we have been engaged, and give some account of the seminary, which, in prospect of the approaching Union, will be discontinued.

Under the kind Providence of God, we have enjoyed every outward advantage, and have had an exceedingly comfortable, and, I trust, a not unprofitable Session. It becomes us to cherish the most fervent gratitude to the Giver of all good, for the privileges he has afforded us, and if the progress we have made has not been great, we must humbly acknowledge that the responsibility and the blame lie wholly with ourselves. I think I may venture to say that we have not been wanting in regularity. All that we proposed to ourselves has been attended to, and the exercises have been in due course, some way, performed. I remember no season in which the health of all connected with the Hall, has been so uniformly good, and the attendance of the Students, I feel bound to say, has been marked by a high degree of exactness. Not one hour has been omitted. Indeed I am not aware that I have been two minutes out of my place any day during the Session. To train the Students to habits of punctuality I have always understood to be a considerable part of my duty. The want