

not pay him at all, and all was well. A congregation that raises itself out of this state of financial disorder and degradation in so short a time, deserves the highest commendation. Nothing is wanting now to ensure prosperity, and quicken the pace of improvement in this section of Zion, but a continued diligent ministry, an active and vigilant Eldership, and a praying people.—*Com. Witness.*

THEOLOGICAL HALL.

According to intimation, the Theological Hall of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia was opened at Truro on the 31st ultimo. Dr. Forrester, Principal of the Normal School, offered up the opening prayer, after which the Rev. Dr. Smith proceeded with the introductory lecture. He introduced his subject, which was Biblical Literature, by referring to the importance and extent of Theology. He then gave a full and clear outline of the subject under consideration, which he divided into four parts, viz. Biblical criticism, Hermeneutics, Exegesis, and Miscellaneous branches of Sacred Literature.—Under the first of these divisions he

included the consideration of MSS., Ancient Versions; Questions from the Fathers; Disputed passages in the Bible, Causes of various reading, and the History of the Sacred Text. He divided Hermeneutics into a number of particulars, as History of the Sacred Languages, Canons of interpretation, &c. Exegesis was then explained as being closely connected with Hermeneutics, the latter being rules of interpretation, and the former the application of these rules to practice. Under the last division, he included among other things, Inspiration, Miracles, and Antiquities; and strongly urged the necessity of an intimate acquaintance with Scripture Geography in order to obtain a correct understanding of the several parts of the Bible.

After a few remarks from Rev Professor Ross, and from Dr Forrester, especially addressed to the students, the assembly was dismissed by Dr Smith's pronouncing the benediction.

The public hall was crowded on the occasion, which circumstance indicates the interest taken in the Institution. The number of students at present attending the Hall is nine, of whom one is of the fourth year, one of the third, three of the second, and four of the first.—*Com. Protestant.*

NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, &c.

The Ladies' Religious and Benevolent Society of Prince Street, Pictou, recently appropriated £2 10s to assist in church-building at St Peters Road; £5 for the same purpose at Annapolis; and £2 to assist a weak congregation in Providence, U. S.

Mrs Douglas,	4 10 0
Rev Geo. Christie,	2 10 0
Mrs Dawson,	0 5 0
C W Harris,	0 1 3

Also, the following for 1858:

John Hall,	0 10 0
C. W. Harris,	0 1 3

Pictou, 23d Aug., 1859.

A donation of 25s., chiefly in cash, has been received for the Foreign Mission, from a few presbyterians at the Bend of Peticodiac, N. B., through Miss Fairweather, which is hereby gratefully acknowledged. Also, for the same purpose, 5s. from Mrs Farish, Riv. John.

The agent acknowledges receipt of the following goods for Foreign Mission:—

From Bedeque congregation, P E I,	
1 Box, value	£16 8 0

Cong. of Casumpece and West side,	
one Box, value	17 13 4

Ladies of Western St Peters cong,	
1 Box, value,	7 0 0

From Mr John Scott, P E I, 1 Box	
Cutlery for Mr Matheson, value	2 10 0

Ladies of Cavendish and New Glasgow, P E I, 1 Box, value	21 8 2
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Ladies of Campbellton and New	
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The agent acknowledges receipt of the following sums for Register and Instructor for 1859:

From Mr Abram Patterson,	£2 0 0
Johnson & McNaught,	2 0 0
Rev. R S Patterson,	1 13 9