

who take the property ought to pay. I have no way of laying this offer before our Missionary Committee and the Churches generally, so effective as through your pages. Some thought may be given to the matter before the 9th June, when, in meeting, it may be considered. I give no opinion upon it.

Yours,

HENRY WILKES.

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CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF B. N. A.

MY DEAR SIR—A few words on College matters, by way of reporting progress, may not be without interest to your readers: let, therefore, this assumption be my excuse for occupying a portion of the space of your next number. On the evening of the 14th, the session of 1868-69 was formally closed by a public service in Zion Church. Dr. Wilkes, the chairman of the Board, presided; Dr. Lillie gave an account of the work and results of the past session; Mr. Fenwick, who by appointment came to assist in the examinations, gave an address to the students; and Mr. Hindley read a paper on "The distinction between knowledge and wisdom." The attendance was good and the proceedings were interesting and instructive to all.

In its general result the session has been the most successful and satisfactory of any that have been held in this place. Good health, with one exception, has been vouchsafed to professors and students; the diligence and conduct of the latter have been praiseworthy; and the work of the several classes has been carried on without interruption. Written examinations, of three hours each, were held in all the subjects of the Course, whose results showed not only diligence on the part of the students, but also a good apprehension and retention of the matters brought before their minds. It is due to Dr. Lillie to say, that unasked, in order to help those students who were backward, he formed a class for instruction in elementary Classics, which met three times a week, and thereby he did good service to the College. Ten students were in attendance throughout the session, classified as follows:—Theological course, four; Undergraduates in the Literary course, three; Preliminary year, three. Of these, Messrs. W. M. Peacock and Hindley, have completed their course, and left possessing the confidence and best wishes of the Board for their future success. To most of the other students, work has been assigned for the vacation, by the Missionary Committee, in various parts of the Dominion. The next session will probably open with a larger number of students than the last; so that twelve, at least, will be in attendance. This will be much above the average number and will involve a corresponding increase of expenditure.

And here I am brought to speak of the finances, and my story will, I fear, not prove so pleasant. The Treasurer reports our financial position to be:—disbursements, up to date, \$2,634 64; payments to be made on account of board, salary and fees, before May 31st, \$295; total, \$2,929 64. Receipts, up to date, from all sources, \$2,500 79. Thus a balance of \$428 85 remains to be made good before the close of our fiscal year, if we are to end it all right. In this balance is included \$234 77, the amount of deficit on former years, so that the actual deficit of this year will be \$194 08. To help to meet this, contributions are yet to come in from certain of our churches that always subscribe, and well too. But I am sorry to say, that the list is unpleasantly long of those from which no remittance has come; and I cannot