

students in this class" have written a considerable number of exercises on various subjects. The attendance of the students has been regular and punctual, and their proficiency in my opinion equal at least to the proficiency of the students during any previous session.— Their general conduct, so far as known to me, has been unexceptionable."

THEOLOGICAL HALL.

The Theological Hall was opened on Sept. 1st. Professor Dr Keir read an introductory lecture, "on the Church; or, the Evangelical, Ritual and Rationalist Systems of Religions." Professor Smith called for specimens of Greek and Hebrew manuscript which had been prepared by the students during the recess. These were carefully examined by the Board and highly commended. Ten students were certified to the Hall by the Clerk of Pictou Presbytery, and one from the Presbytery of Halifax.

Both Professors have forwarded Reports of their respective Classes; a few extracts from these will exhibit a clear and comprehensive view of the state of these classes and of the course of study pursued in each.

Report of Dr Keir. Eighteen students have been in attendance in the Systematic class, at the Theological Hall this Session. Of these, one is of the 4th year, seven of the 3d, three of the 2d, and seven of the 1st. The behaviour of these students was most exemplary; the attendance of all, regular; and all performed the prescribed exercises.— These exercises were the following:— The students of the first year prepared and gave in each a Thesis; of the second year delivered each a Homily; of the third year, delivered each a Lecture; and the student of the fourth year, delivered a popular Sermon. Besides these there were some other exercises prescribed on Church History. The class met regularly every day, except on Sabbath, when a lecture was read, and some of the students were examined on the lecture of the preceding day. This was the course during the whole session."

Dr Keir reports "the number of lectures which he delivered, the subject discussed in each lecture, and then concludes thus:

"Upon the whole, the state of the class was very satisfactory to me. The students were most attentive and dili-

gent, and I hope, made considerable progress. They afford the prospect of our having, in due time, a supply of able and useful ministers in the church."

Professor Smith's Report. "The subjects which occupied our attention, during this last session, were chiefly two; namely Exegesis, and the Sacred Canon; the former on which we had entered the year before, was brought to a close about the middle of the session, having gone over in that time the 5th and 6th chapters of the Epistle to the Romans."

Professor Smith then reports that they had advanced as far as the Book of Job, in the second section of the fourth and last department of the course.

"In the senior Hebrew class, we read during the session, a considerable number of Psalms and several chapters of Isaiah, giving not only the interpretation, but occasionally reverting to the grounds of it, when there was need for it, grammatically or otherwise. The same class went over the whole of the Chaldee Grammar, and read a considerable portion of the Scriptural Chaldee in Daniel. The Junior Hebrew class, consisting of seven students, went over all the Grammar, and translated several chapters in the book of Genesis, having made very considerable proficiency. The usual portion of the Greek Testament was read by the whole class. Each of the third year students gave an Exercise and Additions. A commencement is now made in turning English into Hebrew. The Creed is given as an exercise in this, to be completed during the vacation. Various other important exercises were prescribed to be prepared during the vacation. In conclusion, I have to say, that the students gave me the highest satisfaction. Their behaviour was most exemplary and respectful; and their diligence, punctuality, and attention to their studies, were highly commendable.

CLOSING OF THEOLOGICAL HALL, 1852.

The Theological Hall continued in session 6 weeks. The Board of Superintendence were present at its close, which took place Nov. 12th. Each of the students of the third year delivered a discourse; each of the second and first years read a Thesis and Exercise with Additions. A portion of Scripture was read and critically analysed. With the whole labors of the Professors and