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R E P O R T .

THE Trustees of the Theological Institute of Connecticut, in presenting to the Pastoral Union their Sixth Annual Report, feel more deeply constrained than ever to acknowledge the goodness of God in his watchful care over the interests of the Institution.

Since our last annual meeting one of our number has been called away from his cares and toils here, to meet with departed saints who have gone before to their eternal rest. In the death of the late Samuel Pitkin, Esq., of East Hartford, the Institute has lost an early and decided friend. He was a member of the Prudential Committee from its organization until the time of his death. We shall never forget the seasons of prayer and consultation held with that dear father when the first engagements were entered into, and when the first trying seasons were met, by those especially who were charged with the pecuniary interests of the Institute.

With this exception, the lives and health of the Professors, Trustees and students have been preserved, and all the important interests of the Institute have enjoyed the special care of our Heavenly Father.

The internal operations of the Seminary have been carried forward during the year with a steady regard to the great and sacred object for which it was brought into being. The number of young men who have enjoyed the privileges of instruction within the year is thirty; nine of whom, having completed their course of studies, are to go forth from this anniversary, and enter into the labors of their holy calling.

The Committee appointed by the Trustees to attend the Annual Examination of the students, state in their report, "That they were present during the examination of the respective classes on Monday last, and witnessed with much satisfaction the evidence of

their diligent application and solid proficiency in all the studies of the year. Their attainments in the several branches belonging to the course were fairly and fully tested by the Faculty, so far as this could be done within the time to which this public examination is necessarily limited." "We heard them examined," the committee further say, "in the literature and exegesis of the original scriptures, in Sacred and Ecclesiastical History, in the science of Christian Theology, in the principles of Church Polity and in the Rules of Sermonizing. It was manifest that such a degree of attention had been bestowed on these different departments as is well suited to give a desirable symmetry and completeness to theological education; and to contribute to the highest measure of practical usefulness of the ministry. The committee feel authorised renewedly to bear a decided and grateful testimony to the ability and faithfulness with which all the departments of instruction in the Institute are conducted; and also to speak in the highest terms of approbation, of the evident disposition on the part of the students to improve their advantages in the best manner."

In September last the Professor of Sacred Literature made a communication to the Committee of the Trustees, expressive of his views and wishes in relation to receiving some assistance in his department of instruction. The Committee, after consulting with the Faculty, made an engagement with Mr. Augustus Thompson, an early graduate of the Institute, who had lately returned from a year's residence at one of the German Universities, to attend to certain elementary recitations of the Junior class in the department of Greek and Hebrew literature. The services thus rendered have proved so highly acceptable to the class, and so valuable, in the estimation of the Professors, that the Board at their present meeting, have submitted a proposition to Mr. Thompson, which they expect will be successful, for the purpose of retaining him in the discharge of the same duties for the year to come.

The embarrassment which has every where prevailed throughout the country has, at times caused anxieties to arise in our minds, lest we should be left to feel severely the pressure which has embarrassed, or entirely prostrated almost every worldly enterprise around us. But God has otherwise ordered; and while we have been disappointed in our anticipations from some of the sources to which we had looked for support, he has opened others, wholly unexpected, and such as amply to meet all our reasonable expectations.

The Treasurer, as appears from his Report to the Trustees, has received during the year, from subscribers, and in the form of bequests, the sum of 3,035 dollars and 72 cents.

Since the last meeting of the Union, the Rev. Professor Cogswell has made a donation to the Institute of the sum of 1060 dollars, to be applied as a foundation for a Professorship of Ecclesiastical History.

Since the Trustees have been in session, at their present meeting, they have received official communications informing them that a distinguished friend of religions and benevolent objects, in a neighboring state, lately deceased, has made to the Institute the munificent bequest of Eleven Thousand dollars; of which Five Thousand dollars is made available for the uses of the Board as soon as may be, and the balance at a future period. This instance of generous and cheerful aid, is, at this time, peculiarly fitted to awaken gratitude to God, and to inspire increasing confidence in his care of those beloved interests which the Pastoral Union have so often committed to his blessing.

Experience confirms the justness of the views of the Board presented last year in respect to the importance of doing something more to improve the quality of the soil on the land belonging to the Institute, in order to keep alive a suitable interest in our Manual Labor department. Something has been done in this way from year to year, but it has been trifling compared with what is needed. Besides the labor bestowed upon the garden, which exhibits beautiful evidence of industry and taste, about four acres of the farm have been cultivated this season by fifteen of the students; who in that way take the exercise so necessary to health. Among the students there are those also who have acquired some skill in the use of joiner's tools, and who avail themselves of the privilege of the work shop.

The Board have had under consideration the importance of adopting some more systematic and effectual measures for the purpose of relieving in some measure, the necessities of indigent students. The necessary expenses of the students here, of every class are very moderate; and those who are indigent have hitherto been enabled by the contributions of friends made expressly for this object, to cancel so much of their charges for board as exceeded one dollar per week. It is now the intention of the Trustees that this amount of relief, at least, shall be perpetually secured for students of this class; and to this effect, they have passed the follow-

ing vote, which they would respectfully commend to the consideration of the Pastoral Union and the friends of the Institute generally.

“*Voted*, That the Faculty be requested to raise the sum of \$400 annually for the benefit of indigent students in this seminary, by soliciting the formation of Female Societies in the churches for this special purpose, or in such other ways as they shall deem expedient:—and in case they should fail of raising the above sum from year to year, the deficiency is to be paid from the Treasury of the Institute.”

The librarian reports no material change in the condition of the valuable department under his supervision during the year. A few volumes only have been added—the number not specified—and the whole number may be stated as last year, at 3420 volumes.

From many of the foregoing statements, it will appear we doubt not, to every member of the Pastoral Union, that we have occasion to exercise an unwavering confidence in the great Head of the Church, in respect to the permanent existence, prosperity and usefulness of this sacred Seminary. We should be wanting to a due expression of our sense of gratitude to God at this time if we were not here to say, with solemn emphasis, hitherto hath the Lord helped us. Never before have the financial concerns of the Institute had so favorable an aspect as at the present time. It enjoys an endeared place as we have abundant reason to believe, in the affections and prayers of the friends of Zion far and near; and by the labors and success of a godly number of ministers and missionaries who have gone forth from its walls, it is already exerting an influence for the salvation of thousands in our own and heathen lands. To the great Redeemer of the world, then, let us renewedly consecrate our holy enterprise, and seek from his Word and Spirit the wisdom and grace which we so much need in the discharge of all its solemn responsibilities.

*Amount received by Treasurer of Subscribers and others for the
Theological Institute of Connecticut, from 6th August, 1839, to
1st August, 1840.*

<i>East Windsor.</i>		Chester and Martha	} 500
Rev. A. Nettleton, D.D.	320	Buckley	
Rev. B. Tyler, D.D.	25	Thomas Griswold	10
Rev. William Thompson	25	<i>Bristol.</i>	
Estate of Mrs. Hannah Grant	} 5	Rev. D. L. Parmelee	40
John S. Clapp		5	Josiah Davis
Erastus Buckland	20	Elisha C. Brewster	10
Epaphras Grant	25	L. C. Ives	10
Chauncey Ellsworth	5	Wells R. Byington	5
Lemuel Bissell	5	Noble Jerome	5
Edward Miner	10	Ransom Mallory	5
Oliver Skinner	3	Noah Lewis	5
Doct. Horace Gillet	10	John Birge	10
John Bissell	7 50	Thomas Barnes	50
Jesse Charlton	15	Chauncey Ives	25
Mrs. Ursula Skinner	10	Chauncey Boardman	15
William Rice	5	Mrs. Eunice Lewis in	} 210
Charles Willey	10	part for a Devise	
Rev. Levi Smith	25	made by Eli Lewis	
Rev. Edward Harris	10	deceased	
Erastus Ellsworth	100	<i>Somers.</i>	
Estate of S. Stoughton	1 25	Emery Pease	10
Epaphroditus Palmer	7	Samuel D. Chapin	5
Aaron Perrin	5	Oliver Chapin, 2d.	3
Eli B. Haskell	25	Charles Morgan	3
<i>Hartford.</i>		Cyrus Russell	6
Eliphalet Terry	200	Rebecca Russell	2
Estate of Luther Warren	25	<i>Manchester.</i>	
Rev. Wm. W. Turner	15	Nathaniel Hubbard, Jr.	5
Mr. L. R.	20	Edward Griswold	9
Rev. A. S. Kennedy	50	<i>Mansfield.</i>	
David Watkinson	50	Rev. William Ely	10
James B. Hosmer	25	<i>Thompson.</i>	
Seth Terry	100	Rev. Daniel Dow	25
Daniel Dewey	10	Joseph B. Gay	10
J. Deming	2	Dea. Brown	1
<i>Wethersfield.</i>		<i>Scotland.</i>	
Josiah Robbins	2	Rev. Otis Whiton	15
William Wolcott	5	<i>East-Haddam.</i>	
James Griswold	10	Rev. Geo. Carrington	5
John Williams	20	Rev. Isaac Parsons	25
		Harriet Brainard	1

Mary A. Selden	50	Mrs. R. Miller for Josiah	} 5
Daniel S. Chapman	1	Miller deceased	
Robert B. Chapman	1	<i>Columbia.</i>	
Jonah Gates	1	Dea. Samuel Barstow	15
<i>North Coventry.</i>		Dea. Benjamin Lyman	1
Rev. G. A. Calhoun	156 92	<i>Killingly.</i>	
<i>Enfield.</i>		Rev. Roswell Whitmore	25
Rev. Francis L. Robbins	5	<i>Chatham</i>	
Dea. Luther Pierce	3	Dea. Job H. Payne	5
<i>West-Chester</i>		Bela Farham, Executor	} 50
Aaron E. Emmons	10	of the Estate of	
<i>Canaan.</i>		Anna Woodward late	
Sidney Ensign	2	of East Haven, de-	} 134
Ely Ensign	3	ceased	
<i>Bethlehem.</i>		<i>Fairfield.</i>	
A. C. Kesson	5	Mrs. R. M. Sherman	25
<i>Greenfield.</i>		<i>Bridgeport.</i>	
Rev. N. Freeman	5	Rev. N. Hewit, D. D.	26
<i>Feeding-Hills.</i>		Individuals of Dr.	} 134
Calvin Foot	3	Hew t's Church	
<i>Goshen.</i>		and Society	
Uri Wadhams	25	<i>Brookfield.</i>	
<i>Winchester.</i>		Rev. Abner Brunsage	15
Rev. Frederick Marsh	10	<i>Huntington.</i>	
Dea. Lorain Loomis	1	Rev. Thomas Punderson	10
<i>Weston.</i>		<i>Litchfield.</i>	
Rev. Charles T. Prentice	3	Charles Deming	100
Albert Turney	5	<i>Great Barrington, Mass.</i>	
Ebenezer Seeley	75	Rev. J. W. Turner	10
Alma Seeley	50	<i>Agawam.</i>	
James Baldwin	2	Rev. R. S. Hazen	5
Jesse Wakeman	10	<i>Ware.</i>	
Elizabeth Bradley	1	Homer Bartlett	15
Alfred Perry	2	<i>New York.</i>	
<i>Windsor.</i>		J. Cleaveland	17 50
Phebe Ellsworth	5	<i>Hardwick, N. Y.</i>	
Mary Ellsworth	5	Mrs. Dr. Lee	5
<i>Andover.</i>		<i>Kennebunk, Maine.</i>	
Mrs. Ruth Miller	5	D. W. Lord	50
		Total,	<hr/> \$3038 92

Rev. Jonathan Cogswell, D. D., East Windsor, as a fund
for the support of a Professor of Ecclesiastical
History, } \$1060

