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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 Seventh Annual Report, would devoutly acknowledge a continuance of the Divine favor to this infant Seminary. While they notice with humility and resignation the removal of their worthy associate, the Rev. A. S. Kennedy, from his earthly work to his heavenly reward, they would offer to the "Preserver of men," their united thanks for sparing, with this exception, the lives of their Board, and of the President, Professors and Students.

From that hour of happy memory and of deep interest, when, after much deliberation and prayer, it was resolved, in the name of the Lord, and with reliance on his aid, to found this school of the prophets, its friends have been continually encouraged onward by the marked smiles of Heaven. Not for one dark moment has the God of all grace left them to sink in despondency; and he has also given to their number a steady increase, and to their sacred work a cheering progress.

The growth of the Institute, during these first seven years of its existence, if it has been gradual, has, probably, on this account, been the more healthy, and not the less safe. For the firmest and most durable structures are not the work of a day — their foundations are laid deep, and with great care. Slow from the little acorn is the progress of the oak, which survives the storms of centuries, and stands the monarch of the forest. We love to cherish

the hope, that He, who has given to this Seminary so promising an infancy, will yet advance it in his own best time, to a vigorous and highly useful manhood. His ever wakeful and fostering care from the first has been quite the most interesting feature in its history. Cast as it was upon the church of Christ, an object of charity, His influence in securing for it a prompt and sufficient patronage must never be forgotten. Even in the darkest times of pecuniary pressure in our land, and when very many enterprises of a worldly cast were suffering great embarrassment, this sacred Seminary has been kindly remembered by Him who has all hearts in his hand, and whose are the silver and the gold. He has not once left it without a comfortable supply of daily bread. To His wakeful attention to its wants are we gratefully to ascribe the very liberal bequest of the late Miss Rebecca Waldo, of Worcester, Mass., with other recent receipts, which have enabled the Prudential Committee, within the year under review, not only to meet current expenses, but to reduce our debt no less than three thousand five hundred and ninety-four dollars.

The Committee appointed by the Trustees to attend the annual examination of the classes, say in their Report: "The young gentlemen were examined by the Professors, in Greek, Hebrew, the principles of Biblical Interpretation, Sacred Rhetoric, Ecclesiastical History, Didactic Theology and the Composition of Sermons. The course pursued by the Professors is both extensive and thorough, and, in our opinion, well suited to qualify the young men for usefulness. The various subjects embraced in the course of study appear to receive that proportional attention, which their relative importance requires. The Students, in our judgment, acquitted themselves in a manner which should be satisfactory and gratifying to the friends and patrons of the Seminary. We are from year to year confirmed in the hope, or shall we say *faith*, that the 'Theological Institute,

of Connecticut,' will be a yet richer blessing to the Church and to the world."

The Board, always in favor of manual labor, in connection with the several studies of the Seminary, have a deepened conviction of the value of needful facilities for the same. These facilities, they are sorry to say, have hitherto, through a lack of funds, been more limited, and less encouraging to the young men than was desirable. Appropriations are now made to improve the quality of the ground for their culture, and to provide a store house for the products of a daily exercise, alike pleasant to the mind, healthful to the body, helpful to the purse, and honorable to the name of the Student in Theology. And what person of liberal and enlightened views will object to the expense, if the use of the spade and hoe on these sacred grounds may add, in some cases, at least, a needful qualification for that holy work, in which Paul was not the only minister, who could say with entire truth, "These hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me?" For means to carry out the original plan, in relation to the department for manual labor—a feature of the Seminary which has been brightened under the test of a limited trial—the Board confidently rely on the concurrence of the Pastoral Union and other friends of a competent ministry.

After a suspension of efforts to increase our funds, for the last two years, the Committee have recently engaged the services of the Rev. Dr. Tenney, with the strong expectation that this early friend to the Institute, will find at once a warm welcome and a cheerful liberality among the churches, where he may present the object of his agency.

To afford opportunity in future for a more full examination, on the week of the anniversary, the time for the anniversary is changed, and will hereafter be on the second Thursday in August.

With these views of the present state and cheering pros-

pects of the Institute, the Trustees are happy to commend it anew to the confidence and affection, and prayers and charities of its friends, inviting them still to look up to its GREAT PATRON in the heavens, with ultimate and full reliance on the continuance of his gracious smiles, to insure complete success.

CYRUS YALE.

*Amount received of Subscribers and others for the Theological Institute of Connecticut, from 1st August, 1840, to 1st August, 1841.*

<i>East Windsor.</i>		<i>East Hartford.</i>	
John Bissell	\$18	William Porter	\$10
Aaron Ward	8	<i>Thompson.</i>	
J. S. Clapp	5	Rev. Dr. Dow	40
Joshua Risley	10	<i>Hartford.</i>	
F. William Grant	20	David S. Brooks	25
Elijah Loomis	8	Seth Terry	100
Benjamin Cook	18	David Watkinson	50
Bishop Johnson	5	Rev. A. S. Kennedy	50
Lemuel Bissell	10	Charles Seymour	25
Austin Skinner	5	James B. Hosmer	25
Daniel Chapin	50	Eliphalet Terry	100
Roger Burnham	5	Samuel Belcher	5
John Pelton	8	<i>Enfield.</i>	
Oliver Cook	5	Rev. F. L. Robbins	15
Increase Clapp	25	Eben Parsons	10
Caleb Potwine's } estate }	25	Reuben Hamilton	1
Rev. Dr. Tyler	25	Richard Abbey	3
Erastus Ellsworth	100	Elisha Parsons	2
Rev. Levi Smith	25	Joshua Abbey	1
Rev. Wm. Thompson	25	Mrs. Ebenezer Chapin	25
Jesse Charlton	26 17	Dea. Jonathan Pease	5
Mrs. Ursula Skinner	10	Joel Booth	1
Rev. Dr. Nettleton	60	<i>North Coventry.</i>	
<i>New Hartford.</i>		Rev. Geo. A. Calhoun	25
Rev. Cyrus Yale	5	<i>Lyme.</i>	
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<i>Mansfield.</i>		<i>Bristol.</i>	
Rev. William Ely	10	Rev. D. L. Parmelee	20
<i>Ashford.</i>		Chauncey Ives	25
Rev. Charles Hyde	10	John Birge	10
<i>Fairfield.</i>		Ransom Mallory	15
Rev. Lyman Atwater	10 50	Chauncey Jerome	20
Mrs. Sarah Burr	5	Elijah Darrow	10
		Mrs. Eunice Lewis	150

*Winchester.*

Rev. Fred'k Marsh \$10

Dea. Lorain Loomis 1

*Brookfield.*

Rev. A. Brundage 35

*Huntington.*

Rev. T. Punderson 10

*East Haddam.*

Rev. Nathaniel Miner 5

Rev. Isaac Parsons 25

Dea. John Percival 1

Mrs. Mary Lyon 3

*Canterbury.*

Rev. Otis C. Whiton 5

*Somers.*

Jonathan Clark, Jr. 5

Ebenezer Clark 5

*Windham.*

Rev. J. E. Tyler 10

*Stafford.*

Miner Grant 5

Mrs. Miner Grant 5

*Manchester.*

Alexander M'Lean 10

*Marlborough.*

D. Skinner, Executor of the Estate of Mrs. Patience Hosmer, late of Marlborough, deceased	}	100
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*Farmington.*

Matthew Clark, a bequest of his daughter Abi Clark, late of Farmington, dec'd	}	50
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*Dedham, Mass.*

Rev. Dr. Burgess 50

*Worcester, Mass.*

Rev. R. A. Miller, 25

Miss Rebecca Waldo, bequest in part	}	4652 23
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*Great Barrington, Mass.*

Rev. J. W. Turner 20

*Enfield, Mass.*

Dea. Alva Smith 75

*Lee, Mass.*

Stephen Bradley 25

Charles Bradley 5

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 Total, \$6452 15













