

son's legacy or bequest ; and 2ndly with it ; shewing liability in either case.

1st Professor's Salaries,			£1400	0	0
To meet these Salaries Annual Interest,	£560	0	0		
Annual Collections 1861,	280	14	6½		
			£841	14	6½
Required to be raised,			£558	5	5½
2ndly Professor's Salaries as above,			£1400	0	0
Annual Interest,	£560	0	0		
Collections,	281	14	6½		
Mr. Matheson's bequest,	360	0	0		
			£1201	14	6½

Required to be raised in addition to Current Ann. Col., £198 5 5½

In presenting the foregoing statement, we desire to express our distinct conviction of the duty of the United Church to maintain, intact, the Institutions of each separate Body, as it came into the Union, until such time as Providence shall place the Church in a position to act otherwise, without any breach of faith. We would further express our belief of the ability of the Church so to do.

The present condition of your Institutions might seem to throw the obligation to increased liberality, on the Free section of the United Body, inasmuch, as the larger proportion of our difficulties has arisen, or will arise, from the failure of the provision which they brought 'into the Union ; and the vested funds of the other section are, at present, confessedly inadequate to meet liabilities already incurred. But, we cannot believe, that any member of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces can entertain, much less act upon, a policy so suicidal. It may seem a case of abstract justice so to do ; but it must be remembered, that, at the Union, we adopted each others separate Institutions as parts of a future united whole, engaging to each other, to give them cordial conscientious support. As such they stand before you, and they are not the Institutions of one section, or the other. They are your Institutions, and we claim for them, in their entirety, and apart from all previous, and separate relations, the attachment, and generous treatment to which, from their vast importance, they are so justly entitled.

Your object is a thoroughly trained Ministry, capable of guiding the Church, and coping with the world, and you can neither diminish your efforts, nor reduce your Professorial staff, with justice to the work assigned to you by the Great Head of the Church. Duty and interest alike demand, that you maintain what you have, and, if possible, enlarge your work.—Curtail your operations, and you recede from the high position, which it has always been the glory of Presbyterians to occupy ; and which has so strikingly distinguished their career.

The Statistics of the past year clearly indicate your ability to supply every want, and if Christian spirit be commensurate with means, and responsibility, the result cannot be doubtful. Those Statistics give you 85 Congregations, —nearly 70,000 adherents,—and 9617 Communicants. See, then, how the case stands. Eighty-five (85) Congregations, at an average of 6¼d. each, £510. Again, 85,000 adherents, (but half of the Church,) at 8½d. each, £510 8s. 4d Yet again, 9617 Communicants, at 1s. 10½d. each, would give £500 17s. 8½d.

With such a statement before you, with the acknowledged importance of