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have not the slightest concern for the Seminary whence these very ad-
vantages are to be obtained. They truly resemble the hard-hearted task-
masters of Pharaoh, who, whilst they required the full tale of brick, re-
fused to furnish straw to burn them with. And still more oppressive
are our enemies, who, demanding from us more than did the officers of
Egypt, will scarcely permit us to go abroad and gather stubble for our-
selves. Those cruel agents would deprive us of all our resources for
obtaining knowledge, then reproach us with being an ignorant and con-
temptible denomination. But we devoutly hope that we never shall be
deprived of our Seminary, until the illustrious day of millennial glory
shall have scattered the mists of our spiritual horizon.

Surely then, beloved brethren, such an Institution, established we pre-
sume by such a hand, exerting such an influence, and apparently des-
tined to gain such achievements, has claims from each of us in propor-
tion to our ability, and as often as they are reasonably presented. In
the first place, it has claims on our sympathies. The interests of the
Institution, similar indeed to those of our own family, should be so com-
pletely identified with ourselves, that its prosperity should never fail to
afford us delight, nor its adversity to occasion regret. In the second
place, it claims our prayers. Already we have had the strongest de-
monstrations that God has heard and answered prayer for its prosperity;
besides knowing the obstacles to be surmounted, and the end to be ac-
complished, we have confidence in God alone, and that confidence
must be sustained by your prayers. Again, it claims our contributions
and endowments. These claims will never become null and void whilst
the Institution exists and prospers. Such a Seminary as we require is
not, if we are rightly informed, sustained in any part of the world,
simply by tuition fees; and as we receive from the public funds but a
moderate appropriation, which may soon be wrested from us by the en-
vious in high places; we must therefore depend mainly on private con-
tributions. It is very desirable that you should adopt some regular sys-
tem, which may be pursued from year to year, to meet the current ex-
penses of the establishment. An annual offering of two shillings and
fourpence per year, from every member of our churches, has repeatedly
been recommended as the most expedient method of realizing the need-
ful sum; which appropriation surely could not be oppressive to any;
whilst the more wealthy part of the denomination might occasionally be
required to advance more liberally for extraordinary purposes. Why
should not such a system be adopted by all our churches? Could any
measure be more equitable and reasonable? System is essential to suc-
cess. How without system could the Wesleyans raise annually such im-
mense revenues? Are you not aware that, according to their discipline,
it is essential to church membership that every person who is not abso-
lutely a pauper, pay annually eight shillings and fourpence to the gene-
ral fund of their Society, besides voluntary subscriptions to their own
minister, and their subscription to foreign missions, and to the erec-
tion of meeting houses, to the building and furnishing of mission houses,
and to every other moral and religious establishment amongst them, for
which money is required. In addition to these claims, the Institution
demands a reasonable proportion of our youth. Some whose hearts are
previously disposed by the Holy Spirit to the sacred ministry, are abso-
lutely required for usefulness in the Church of God. And on you, be-
loved brethren, devolves the duty, and for you await the honourable
rewards, of sustaining at the Seminary such deserving young men, in
adigent circumstances, who may hereafter proclaim the gospel of peace
throughout our own land, and even far hence amongst the heathen. Ma-
ny young men are required to be qualified for Schoolmasters, who, re-
ceiving the requisite intellectual and moral training, may convey the