

be gathered together in the name of Christ—and to provide an adequate supply of qualified laborers for the foreign field. To all this, a wise Providence has added another class, not having the ministry in view: thus making your institutions more extensive in operation, and more influential for good, than they otherwise would have been. You have united, or rather God has united you, not so much to enjoy the delights of Union or to wish it “God speed,” as to accept cheerfully its responsibilities, and perform energetically its duties. Here brethren, is an object worthy of your highest regard.

The day in which you live can as ill bear superficial education, as poverty-stricken piety. All that you can afford must be provided. This is essential to the personal characters of your ministers,—to the full exercise of their legitimate influence,—and to enable them to keep pace with the intelligence, and cope with the trained infidelity of the day. By imbuing society with desire for education, and elevating the standard of the social mind, you render a thoroughly trained ministry an absolute necessity; otherwise, that ministry will be a failure, and sink beneath contempt. *The education of the men of the world never should surpass that which is given to the servants of Christ.*

In this respect, the Church is unquestionably the best judge of her own situation and wants, and hence her duty to take up that position, which will enable her to say authoritatively, what shall be the character of the training of her future ministry, and to retain in her own power, the appointment and control of those, who as teachers, must so deeply affect both immediate usefulness and future prosperity. Your institutions are your own and under your sole direction. You can modify or enlarge, as means and the exigencies of the times may demand, and possessing in the funds already yours, and the material wealth and Christian spirit of the United Body, the means of generous and efficient support, it would be unwise to surrender this vantage ground to any, or your real and substantial position, for one of questionable value or stability. The future character and prosperity of our Church depend upon a wise and energetic prosecution of the work thus committed to your care; and if a doubt should arise as to the propriety of your course, just look at the extent to which as separate bodies, you have been blessed,—how much more as united,—and doubt will cease.

Such brethren is your Educational effort,—its object, position and claims. An opportunity is now given you, that if neglected, may not soon return. Great results were predicted in connection with Union, and great results are expected. Failure would be a sin and shame. The first year of Union ought to be characterized by such tangible expressions of gratitude, as while manifesting sincerity, may show what can be done by the Church aroused to a sense of obligation. We do not appeal to your sympathy brethren, or to your benevolence, *but to your duty to meet all the responsibilities arising out of the Union, and on the broad ground of Christian principle.* You cannot go back, *you are pledged to go forward*, and the events of the past year record that pledge. Before you lies a future of usefulness and influence, of which a few years since, no visible prospect existed. The hand of Providence has been guiding you, and now when you begin to see more clearly the work, and the reward lying beyond, shall the work be undertaken and prosecuted as far as God opens the way? That it can be done, and that the Church has the means, no one doubts. Say, then, shall it be done? Let the liberality of this the first year of your Union attest your sincerity and gratitude, and going onward in strong confidence, “God will establish the work of your hands upon you, the work of your hands he will establish it.”

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The subjoined is a statement of the requirements of your Institutions with the means at the disposal of Synod.

TRURO SEMINARY.

Salaries of Professors Ross, Mr. Culloch and Lyall	£700	0	0
Preparatory School and incidental expenses	100	0	0
Insurance	16	5	0
Fuel and Janitor	18	0	0