

BOOK PROTECTION.

IN any Theological Seminary one of the essentials is a good Library. Not merely a collection of such works as Augustine's "Confessions" or Calvin's "Institutes," hoary with age and musty from long disuse, but a Library accessible to the students, containing the best and latest works on the various lines of theological inquiry. Two things have interfered with the attainment of this ideal in our College, a lack of funds to secure the books and the lack of a suitable room where to bestow them. During the past few years the Senate have been making praiseworthy efforts to overcome the first difficulty, and have been so far successful that we have now a collection of books fairly well calculated to meet ordinary requirements, and these are being constantly added to.

The second difficulty has not yet been satisfactorily solved. For want of a better place, the latest valuable additions to the Library have been kept in the Senate-room, and could only be consulted on application to the Librarian, an arrangement involving considerable work for him and inconvenience for the students. Within the last few days a change has been made, whether for better or worse remains to be proven. The time-honored shelves in the small class-room have been converted into book-cases, where the books will be arranged and kept secure. We regret to say that the style of these book-cases is not just what we would like to see our College possess, and the suggestion which one receives at first sight is not altogether a favorable one. Indeed, we regret that it has been found necessary to put the books under lock and key at all. A Library, to be useful, must be easy of access, but if books are kept under lock and key and can be consulted only upon application to the Librarian, who is in another part of the building, students will often be deterred from referring to them. Yet it must be acknowledged that the Senate have not taken this step without justification. Cases have occurred where students, or others, have taken books, neglecting to give receipts for them, and have forgotten to return them promptly. In some instances this forgetfulness has become chronic, with the result that several