

back once more to Synod, it is likely to be pretty thoroughly ventilated. It is, however, natural that you should desire to have something said on the question in your pages, inasmuch as there is probably no matter connected with the College just now that bears more closely upon its welfare. I shall, therefore, endeavor to comply with your request.

The discussion will naturally take the form in which it was thrown upon the Synod. Assuming that the fourth professor is shortly to be appointed, the question is, shall his duties lie along the line of Practical Training or of New Testament Introduction and Exegesis? My convictions are strongly in favor of the latter. Of course, the real question is, the greater efficiency of our College—how shall we obtain the most satisfactory permanent results from its training? And then back of this, or leading up to this, must come the other question, in which of the directions mentioned does the College most need strengthening?

As matters now stand, of course both the subjects referred to receive considerable attention. We are told that each of the three Professors gives some attention to Greek Exegesis; and I understand that Dr. Pollok devotes not a little attention to Homiletics and Pastoral Theology, which I presume would include the principal part of the work of a chair of Practical Training. The question before us, therefore, resolves itself pretty much into a re-adjustment of chairs. And in judging of that question we ought certainly to place considerable value upon the opinion of the present professorial staff; and they are unanimously, and I believe strongly, in favor of assigning New Testament Introduction and Greek Exegesis, to the contemplated chair. Of course there are some subjects connected with the Church, of which even those who occupy professional chairs, are not the best judges. But this can scarcely be regarded as one of them. They must be thoroughly acquainted with the working of the College in all its departments; know, as none others can be expected to know, its special features of strength and weakness; and they deliberately tell us that the point of greatest weakness is in connection with New Testament Exegesis; and recommend that the Fourth Professor be appointed to such a chair. That united opinion should not be lightly cast aside.

In submitting other reasons in favour of this recommendation,