

vigorously than ever by our prayers and contributions, and endeavor to secure its more thorough equipment.

2. The Institution is worthy for which we should do this. Never more so than now. Our Professorial Staff, to which an important addition has just been made, is composed of able and accomplished men. The remuneration we have hitherto been rendering them for their services has been altogether inadequate, considering the greatly increased cost of living, and the much higher rate of salary allowed in the other Colleges of our Church. The number of Students though apparently small, will bear favorable comparison with other similar Institutions.

In almost all the Churches the diminishing number of candidates for the Holy Ministry is for a lamentation. The attractions of secular life, together with a low standard of piety and the low rate of Ministerial support, have doubtless had their influence. But perhaps as pastors and people we may not have been sufficiently vigilant in seeking out amongst our Congregations likely young men and magnifying the office of the Ministry in their esteem. Let us speak hopefully and heartily of that office before our families and seek to impress them with the thought that "if a man desireth the office of a Bishop he desireth a good work." Let us give the College a constant place in the prayers of the closet, the family altar, the Prayer Meeting and the Sabbath services, and let us cease not praying the Lord of the Harvest to send for more laborers into the whitening Harvest.

3. That the Harvest truly is plenteous and that our laborers are few, will appear from the fact that at the recent meeting of our Home Mission Committee, we had but nine laborers to apportion for the next six months throughout thirty-five fields of labor—the fields thus *quadrupling* our available forces for our home work alone, without taking the foreign into account. Our dependence on the College is thus increasingly apparent.

4. Our College depends entirely for its pecuniary supplies on our faithful people. We have no State support nor do we desire it. Nay, we have been rather aiding the State by the endowment of three chairs in an excellent Institution which belongs not to us but to the country, and in whose management the other Denominations have now a larger representation than ourselves. We wish the Government to relieve us at an early date as possible from this heavy responsibility, that we may unite our Funds and our Forces in the support of our own Theological Institution. We have a partial Endowment, but it is only partial, and

our Synod is most desirous that it be brought to completion with all possible speed. In the meantime, however, we depend on the Annual Contributions of our Churches to supply the lack of service, and TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,800) is the very SMALLEST AMOUNT with which we can do, to meet existing engagements. We trust that the amount raised may considerably exceed this. The first sabbath of December (Dec. 5) is the day fixed by the General Assembly and endorsed by Synod for the College Collection.

If that day be not found suitable, let some other day as near to it as possible be selected, and let remittances be promptly made. Where Missionary Associations exist, we trust that the College will receive its full share in their periodical appropriations. Let the amount be spread over the entire Church, that no one portion be "eased" and others "hardened," "but contrariwise that there may be equality." Let each realize individual responsibility and make conscience of bearing his share of the common burden—a burden whose pressure would be very light indeed if it were fairly adjusted amongst our Congregations and Mission Stations.

5. For the information of Presbyteries, Sessions and Congregations we subjoin the Deliverances of the Synod recently held at St. John with reference to our College: but the bare letter of these resolutions can furnish no adequate idea of the spirit of earnestness amounting to enthusiasm which animated the discussions on the subject, the effect of which will, we trust, appear in an intensified interest and enlarged contributions throughout the Church:

After a lengthy discussion it was, on motion of Dr. McCulloch, seconded by Rev. N. McKay, unanimously and heartily adopted by a standing vote, "That the Synod, deeply impressed with the good service rendered in the past by the Theological Hall, and its necessity under the existing circumstances of the Church, resolve to aim at its greater efficiency, and as opportunity offers enlarging its range of study."

It was moved by Rev. John McKinnon, and seconded by Dr. Burns, "That the Synod agree to raise at least the amount of \$2,800 a year, being the sum stated by the Board of Superintendence as being necessary to maintain our Collegiate Institutions in their present efficiency, and would urge upon all congregations to use ways and means by collection or otherwise, to raise this amount."

This resolution was unanimously adopted, and so became the judgment of the Court.