

stations in which they may have been inadequately paid, but which it is plainly our duty to endeavor to cherish and strengthen; and that we may be furnished with the means of attempting new formations, as opportunities shall occur. We entertain the confidence, that of such objects you will approve; and we value highly the generosity which you have uniformly displayed. As a 'Voluntary Church,' we must depend on our own exertions; and if we do justice to the principle which we hold to be scriptural, there will always be at our command supplies sufficient to meet public exigencies. You are not strangers to what is accomplished by the "United Secession Church" in Scotland; and various other denominations in Great Britain. Although with such powerful Bodies we can never think of competing, still, let us imitate their spirit; and as genuine religion shall influence us, so, in our sphere, shall we be found qualified, to effect somewhat towards the edification of the Body of Christ. Under our fostering care, feeble congregations will soon become flourishing; preaching-stations will ascend to the rank of religious societies, under pastoral inspection; and infant formations will become elevated to the same privileges in their turn. To such motives for concentrated energy, let us study to be feelingly alive.

In connection with these valuable interests, the training of young men for the holy ministry claims your earnest solicitude. To what a degree this is combined with the preceding recommendations, you can easily discover. Public instructors are essential. Although, occasionally, individuals that "labor in word and doctrine," may come from a distance to our aid, still, if we would consult our ecclesiastical prosperity, it would be unwise and unnatural to depend on foreign supplies. *Unwise*—since assistance in this shape, especially as our wants extend, will be found precarious. *Unnatural*—as it is the uniform practice, while it is the duty, of all churches, to educate their own spiritual guides, so soon as their resources shall