

years been made to our Academic resources in literature and science ; and of these, as in duty bound, our theological Institute has never failed liberally to avail itself. But our Church must not wrap herself up in silken security, and trust to the chapter of accidents, and of concurrent events, to create for her a body of ministers adequate to the demands of an enlightened but sadly secularised age. She must look with deep emotional feeling over the ever spreading area of her territorial occupancy. She must instruct her clergy to watch the "cropping out" of valuable stratified *materiel* from amid the elements of congregational development. She must apply the lever of pastoral diligence and fatherly care "to ferret out," and to give pith and buoyancy to nascent formations. She must look for her future ministers, not exclusively to the lists of matriculants, and prizeholders on the walls of her very eminent Academic institutions. Of the justly valued resources of these, she must certainly avail herself ; and this, she has never failed, and I trust *will never fail to do*. But far more than this is essentially necessary ; and before a "toga virilis" may be found, adapted to the shape and structure of full grown men, who with less of the classic polish than might be wished, are often found to make our very best ministers ; the counting room, and the store—the basilica, yea, the oil-fields and the drilling-hall may be exhausting our sources of supply. Yea moreover, let us not shut our eyes to the fact, that the "ministry of reconciliation" demands for its agents and employees, qualities of head and of heart, which no academic hall, as such, can supply, but which studies, purely secular in an atmosphere that is anything but spiritual, may stint and fritter away.

If the question is asked, ought the elementary processes to which I have referred, to be entrusted to the care and liberality of an associated body entirely disconnected from the College ? I answer unhesitatingly in the negative. Let the arrangements needed for such an object as that contemplated be part and parcel of your Academic Institute. Let the existing staff of Teachers along with the senate of which they are the nucleus be entrusted with the entire charge, subject to the Board and through them to the Synod. If the existing staff of Professors, shall from considerations of economy require to be reduced, let there be at least, one effective and experienced Tutor, who by personal labours and the ordering and superintendence of the studies of entrants in other Colleges and Schools, may prove himself a most valuable guide to the young aspirants in the 'gradus ad Parnassum'. And let the existing or acting Professors ever co-operate in the work, while Presbyteries and individual ministers in the different districts of the Province may most beneficially assist in seeking out hopeful young men of piety and talent, and taking a kindly superintendence of their studies.

And what have I got to say as to the "Board of Examination" ? I look on their nomination as a step in the right direction ; but I would say to these justly venerated and perhaps somewhat calumniated friends, look not on yourselves, as if each examiner (a word somewhat ominous) were set up at