

The Committee however feel that in order to accomplish all, that through the Divine blessing the Institution is fitted to do, they must have the pecuniary support of the members of the Church, not only in maintaining its present efficiency, but if possible to add to it. The Library, though containing much that is valuable, is yet wanting in many standard works, and its usefulness might be largely increased. The Philosophical Apparatus is still deficient; and though the Professor is now directing his main energies to the Institution, and with a zeal which has called forth repeated expressions of admiration, yet the Committee feel, that the work is too great for the labor of any one man, however able and however zealous. In this view the Church must look soon to provide additional assistance in teaching, as well as to an increase of machinery in books and apparatus.

The Committee trust that they do not need to urge the importance of the measure upon the attention of the Church.—The unity the peace and the progress of the Church, as well as the welfare of civil society are more intimately connected with the character of the christian minister, than with any other human cause. All history shows that the various phases of the church are but a reflection of the competency or incompetency of her pastors; and the Committee hesitate not to assert, that the future character of the ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, depends under God upon the Synod's Seminary. Considering then the importance of the object the members of the Church must see the solemn duty incumbent upon them, to give that pecuniary support, which is necessary to its stability and efficiency.

For our excitement and encouragement, we may look at what our fathers have done. One of their earliest efforts was to provide means for the education of native Evangelists. For this, long they labored and for this they prayed. And though our church has increased in numbers and wealth, yet we believe that the efforts made by her on behalf of the present Institution, do not equal what she did in former days. We believe it will be found, that in some years a few congregations in the County of Pictou contributed more to the Pictou Academy, than has been contributed by the whole Church towards our present Institution. We are sometimes inclined to boast of what we are doing for

the cause of God. Would it not be wise to look at what our fathers have done, and be excited to greater zeal for the future?

The Church is now reaping the benefit of their labors. Most of them have now gone to their reward, but "their works follow them." The watch towers of our Zion are now occupied by men trained through their instrumentality, to hold up the lamp of divine truth, to guide the wandering in the way of peace, and to the land of light. But the present generation of ministers must pass away like their predecessors, shall the Church do nothing to provide that "after our decease," the truths which we have preached "may be had in remembrance"? Shall we not rather nrite our contributions and our prayers, that when we shall be called to put off our armor, there may be others to seize the standard as it falls from our nerveless grasp, and carry it forward to new victories, in the service of the Captain of our Salvation? "He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children, that the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born, who should arise and declare them to their children; that they might set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments."

The interest which our friends in Scotland have taken in the movement, also should excite us to greater exertions.—We have appealed to them and they have responded to our appeal, as they have done repeatedly before. Have our exertions as a church been worthy of the kindness we have received, or have we been leaning on them and neglecting to put forth the strength which we possess; Surely the interest which they feel in our exertions, should provoke us to love and good works.

But we have higher responsibility still, *Christ has committed to the Church the solemn trust of perpetuating the gospel ministry.* "The things which thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also." Here are the two qualifications, which the Church is to seek in her future ministry,—*faithfulness*, by which we understand not only piety, but eminent piety; and secondly, *ability* or competency to teach others also. These qualifications she is bound to seek,