

Established Church, St. David's in Wales, St. Bee's in Cumberland, and St. Aidan's at Birkenhead, and while each of these has its competent number of Theological Professors, every one of them has Tutors, one or more, to supplement in the departments of a kindred literature. At Belfast, I have visited with great satisfaction the Halls of Queen's College, a well appointed national Seminary of pure literature and undiluted Science; and I visited at the very same time, that plain but substantial building, "the "Presbyterian College," and there, I found eight Professorships, endowed and in full operation; and among these, I found chairs of Moral Philosophy, Sacred Rhetoric, and New Testament Greek, over and above similar appointments, for all the 'Common Places' of Theology properly so called. And why should it not be so? In the older country and much more with us, where every thing is new, or in the process of transition, many of the best working ministers are taken from a class, who make up in solid thought and valued experience, for what is wanting in early classic lore, or in the flush and the laurels of Academic renown; men, who for reasons well known to us all, have it not in their power to go through a complete University course, and who yet must not be permitted to pass into the ranks of an illiterate and ill-informed ministry. Aspirants of this type, we must not throw aside; nor leave to the tender mercies of an "Alma Mater," who may fail to discern in them, the stereotyped features of her own genuine children, and who may, very reasonably, I doubt not, be at some loss to say, what she should make of them. No; let us take them under our affectionate care; make the best of the case we can; and whether you call them *entrants* or *pre-entrants*, or perhaps, more in the Academy style, *under-graduates*, let us seek to secure for them that training both Literary and Theological which is fairly within their reach and ours, and by which, we may secure to the Church, the services of some of those truly "faithful men," whom, (though not perhaps of the highest grade in classics,) the Head of the Church is training by His Grace, for the service of His own sanctuary.

For two years past our Seminary has been stripped of all its literary auxiliaries, and this seems to be viewed by many as a great blessing. I view it as a great calamity. A period of twenty years prior to 1864 presents to us a laudable attempt at least, to train up "faithful men" under our own eye, and with our own appliances, both literary and theological, for the service of the church. The Records of Knox College present a list of Teachers, mainly, if not exclusively literary; some in the character of professors, and others, with the humbler, though still very respectable designation of Tutors, of whom no Seminary needs to be ashamed; and the lessons given forth in English composition and mental training, in the elements of Classical and Oriental Literature, in rational logic and intellectual philosophy, in the principles of geometry and of physical science; contributed, in degrees, more or less marked to prepare for this new country of ours, a generally well informed and practically useful body of ministers. Assuredly, a very large accession has of late