

Philosophy Department in a tolerably efficient condition. Besides the sum of £41 entrusted to the Rev. Messrs. McCulloch and J. Ross for the above object, special contributions swelled their order to the extent of £86, making the total value, inclusive of a suitable chemical apparatus, £120, 6, 1½. The sum of ten pounds has been placed at the disposal of the Convener to complete an Electrical Apparatus, for the use of the Institution till otherwise provided.

From the Misses McCulloch the Board have received intimation of the gift of a quantity of Chemicals, &c., the property of their late Father, Dr. McCulloch.

From the above statement the Synod will perceive, and the Board have much pleasure in making the announcement that with the exception of a few articles, the necessity for which a more extensive course will indicate, the Seminary is well provided with means of illustrating the prelections on Natural Philosophy. A list of articles ordered will be laid on the table of Synod.

As the result of the Synod's Mission to Scotland it may be mentioned generally, that the amount realized in Books bought and collected, apparatus purchased, and funds in hand (exclusive of £30 received by your delegate since his return) is about £803, 4, 10½.

In the management of the Institution, difficulties deemed almost insurmountable are being rapidly removed, leaving the way clear for the concentration of the Church's energies upon a more extended and efficient system.

That the present state of the Institution is not what it ought to be, or what the Synod can make it, must be evident at a glance; but that by perseverance connected with the blessing which hitherto has so evidently been granted, it can be brought to a state adequate to the necessities of the times and the demands of the Church, your Board feel perfectly assured. That the Church is awaking to a just sense of the necessity and importance of the objects contemplated by the Synod, is evidenced by the increased liberality manifested in its behalf, and it only remains to give a healthy direction to sentiment and liberality, to draw forth without difficulty the means, not merely of permanency, but of efficiency and extension.

That such extension is desirable and ought to receive serious attention, must be apparent from the fact, that other things

being equal, division of labor always secures more abundant returns and of a higher quality. The labors of your Professor, the Board would remark, are too diversified and onerous, and tho' the Church may submit to this while absolute necessity prevents improvement, yet when it is otherwise, there is a right to claim more and to have the demand conceded.—That the best possible education within the power of the Synod should be conferred, none will doubt. That this is the case, your Board cannot affirm, and with this view they would urge upon the attention of Synod anticipative provision for an increase of Professors, as a step, that, at no distant day, must be entertained if the Church would keep pace with the times: To this important object, forcing itself upon the consideration of the Board, the energies and prayers of the Church, ought, without unnecessary delay, to be directed.

This recommendation may perhaps be deemed premature, not as, in itself, undesirable, but as beyond the power of the Church. But when your board revert to the brief history of the Institution, they cannot but feel that to an extent far surpassing the anticipations of the most sanguine it has been successful, and that as claims have arisen they have been so liberally met that notwithstanding the unprecedented outlay of the past year, the Board report with pleasure that after liquidating all demands there remains a balance of £82, 3, 6½ to be carried to account of the current year.

To the Great Head of the Church the deepest gratitude is due both for the past and the prospects of the future. But for the Synod's Seminary the Church would have become in a few years, a moral waste, from utter inability to supply its current wants; and even now many of its ministers are sustained, amid unprecedented demands upon their time and energies, by the consideration that when a brief period shall have elapsed, their labors will be lightened by accessions from those taught under their own inspection,—a circumstance indicating most clearly the wisdom of the Synod's procedure and the presence of the Divine blessing. The only ground of regret is, that in this matter Synodical action was so long delayed.

That the Sen inary is yet to accomplish much for the Redeemer's cause and for the general benefit of the Provinces, your Board would fondly hope, and as a trust