

and might, after they had ceased from their labours, devise their whole libraries to this institution. The Presbytery of Quebec might in the meantime, with consent of other Presbyteries, act as custodiers. An apartment might be found, in some one of the Churches of Quebec or Montreal, wherein to deposite the Books, as they might arrive from the Mother Country; and thus might a foundation be laid for a Library to the College.—The writer of this suggestion was particularly gratified last summer in visiting the Library of the Western Theological Seminary, located at Pittsburgh, in the State of Pennsylvania, to find that no small proportion of the Books, were collected by the Rev. Mr. Campbell, an American minister, during a visit to Scotland, and England, for that purpose. With secret pleasure he read the autographs of many names well known and beloved in his native land, and the scheme above hinted at of providing a Library for the Theological College of Upper Canada, although yet only in nubibus, occurred at once to himself, and his fellow-travellers.—We hope to have soon the pleasure of reporting that this suggestion is approved of, and will be carried forthwith into execution.

A HINT TO CONTRIBUTORS.—We have received papers, on various subjects, to which we are anxious to give insertion in some of our future numbers, but really the M. S. S. are so illegible, that we cannot find in our heart to tax the time and eyesight of our Compositors in decyphering them. If our friends judge

their papers worthy of being sent to us, they ought to judge them worthy of the labour of being legibly transcribed. To write illegibly may be well enough among fashionables, who do not care much perhaps about giving or getting an exact sense, but really it is intolerable among printers. As the old maxim, *obsta principis*, has thus early been forced upon us, we cannot resist subjoining Mr. Niebuhr's, the Roman historian, rebuke of this misdemeanor: "a bad hand-writing" he said "ought never to be forgiven, it is a shameful indolence; indeed, sending a badly written letter to a fellow-creature is as impudent an act as I know of. Can there be any thing more unpleasant, than to open a letter which at once shows that it will require long decyphering? Besides, the effect of the letter is gone, if we must spell it. Strange, we carefully avoid troubling other people even with trifles, or to appear before them in a dress which shows negligence or carelessness, and yet nothing is thought of giving the disagreeable trouble of reading a badly written letter. Although many people may not have made a brilliant career by their fine handwriting, yet I know that not a few have spoiled theirs by a bad one. The most important petitions are frequently read with no favourable disposition, or entirely thrown aside, merely because they are written so badly."

Our kind contributors will take the hint in good part; and out of regard for one or two of them whose handwriting we know to be incorrigible, we beg to say that we will try to make the best of it, on account of the maturity of their wisdom.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Amicus Veritatis will perceive that he has been anticipated in most of his observations in one of the articles in the present number. Another view, however, of the important topics he has selected, might lead into a new and useful subject under the title—Hindrances to the spiritual well-being of a Church. We shall be glad to hear from him on this, or any other subject.