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### REPORT

#### Of the Board of the Theological Seminary FOR 1854.

The Board of Superintendence now lay upon the table *their sixth* Annual Report. Once more they have to refer with pleasure to the continued prosperity of the Institution. It is worthy of remark that the Institution; from the beginning, has, not only been *prosperous*, but that this prosperity has been *uniformly progressive*. By advert- ing shortly to the five previous reports of the Board, this will appear obvious. In the first year's report, the Board do little more than state that the Seminary had opened; and that operations had begun. But this itself was a great point gained. The decision had now been given, and that decision had been acted upon, that we should have a Seminary of our own, and that all the energies of our church, should be put forth in its support. This very start itself, had quickened the heart of every lover of our church. The interest which it excited in the church, the effect which it produced on the public, the number of students who attended, and the success of the first year's experiment in teaching—all greatly surpassed expectation. The second year's report exhibits no novel feature in the Institu-

tion itself, but, we are informed, that a delegate was appointed to visit the mother church in Britain, and to plead its interests there. The third year's report instructs us of the appointment of a Professor of Biblical Criticism, and of the results of the delegate's labors among the churches of Scotland. The fourth year's report tells us that Professor Ross had been loosed from his charge of the West River congregation, and that his whole time and talents were to be dedicated to the work of the Seminary. Last year's report presents us with a view of the Institution in full operation; all the different classes established, and its complete organization, Latin, Greek, and Mathematics; Logic, Moral, and Natural Philosophy; Systematic Divinity, Hebrew, and Biblical Criticism. From this very cursory review of the past, it must be evident to all, that hitherto this Institution has not only been *prosperous*, but that its prosperity has been *uniformly progressive*. It is hoped that the report of the present year, will bear a favorable comparison with any of the preceding; and that, it will be found, the same principle of progression is still a marked feature in its history. To the Great Head of the Church, the appointed King on Zion's holy hill, let us give all the praise and glory.