

REPORT.

THE Committee report, that soon after their appointment, they applied to the highest quarters for information respecting the likelihood of KING'S COLLEGE going into early operation; and, in the event of this taking place, of provision being made in it for the Theological education of candidates for the Ministry in the Presbyterian Church; but could obtain no information on these subjects. The position of parties in the Provincial Legislature at that time, indeed, utterly forbade the hope that Theological Professorships in connexion with any Church in the Province would be established in King's College; and, though that position is now altered, it remains to be seen, how far any thing like unanimity will prevail in regard to the commencement of the College, and the organization of a Theological Faculty in it. The committee are decided in the conviction, that it would be unbecoming in the Synod to intrust any Professor with the Theological instruction of their students, unless he wore to a greater or less extent under the control of the Synod: and that the Synod should look to King's College as their Divinity School, only on condition of their obtaining a Professor of Theology in it who should be a member of the Synod, and subject to their jurisdiction. But the commencement of this royal institution does not appear to be so near, and neither does the obtaining of a Professor on these terms appear to be an event so probable, as to warrant the Synod to delay preparations for the education of Ministers from among the pious and devoted youths of our congregations. And the committee recommend the Presbytery to press upon the Synod, the importance of immediately taking steps, for the foundation of a Theological Seminary, for the training of such youths for the Ministry. The founding of such a Seminary, it may be observed, does not imply the relinquishment of the claims which the Synod may have on the Government, for an endowment in King's College, if that institution shall at any time provide for the Theological education of the students of any of the Christian Denominations in the Province. On the contrary, it will rather strengthen such claims; inasmuch, as that however humble the Seminary may be, it will directly promote the enlargement of the Church; and Government aid of any kind may be expected in proportion to the extent and influence of the Church in the community.

The appointment of this committee implies, on the part of the Presbytery, a recognition of the importance of the establishment of a Theological Seminary: yet, as no common exertions and sacrifices will be demanded towards effecting this object; the committee feel themselves warranted to preface the scheme they are now