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Having taken notice of the Synod's procedures in regard to National Education, and of the wise, consistent, and honourable principles held on this subject, we proceed to look at a wonder-working scheme for exciting emulation among Students in the Universities, and at the Theological Hall, and for elevating the standard of literary, philosophical, and theological attainments. It is the Scholarship Scheme, as it is called, which originated in the Secession Church a short time before the Union in 1847; and, which, since that period, has been carried on with much liberality and zeal on the part of its promoters, and has been followed by vastly beneficial results to the Students at every stage of their College Curriculum, and Theological Course.

The object of the Scholarship Scheme is to provide funds for giving assistance and encouragement to deserving Students in the prosecution of their studies, not as a charity, but as a stimulus to diligence, and to the energetic prosecution of the various branches of learning. The money is given as the reward of merit for diligence and high attainments in different studies. It is astonishing to see the emulation it produces, and delightful to calculate on the important effects it seems destined to have on the talents, condition, and energy of our future Ministry.

The Scheme was laid before the first meeting of the United Presbyterian Synod, and adopted, and a Committee was appointed to superintend and direct its operations. In May, 1848, the Committee gave in a report, and the Synod expressed their grateful thanks for the excellent manner in which the important business had been conducted, and also their gratitude to the benevolent individuals who had contributed liberally to the