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THE SYNOD SEMINARY.

The Committee of Superintendence of the Synod's Seminary, beg, through the columns of the Register, to press its claims upon the attention of the Church. The present Session has commenced with an increase of students, and with every circumstance to encourage the assurance on the part of its friends, that the hold which it has upon the affections and confidence of the members of the Church is not weakening but strengthening. The attendance not only from our own Church, but from other Churches, of those who desire to serve God in the Gospel of his Son, indicates too that experience of its working is establishing the confidence of the community at large in its efficiency; while the arrangements that have been made for conducting the classes, hold out the prospect, that they will be hereafter even more successful than hitherto.

We trust we need not at the present time urge the necessity of a thorough education in the Ministers of the Gospel—ignorance in those who are to act as religious instructors, is entirely at variance with the requirements of the present day. Presbyterians had long to maintain a conflict in favor of education in the Ministry; but now those bodies, which long denied the necessity of learning in the ministry,

and even almost valued ignorance, have felt the influence of the advancing intelligence of the age, and are now providing education for the rising ministry. Under these circumstances, will those who have led the way in contending for this object now fall back, and lower the standard of education for the ministerial office?

If then we are still to maintain the necessity of education in the ministerial office, to what source shall we look to obtain it, or rather, as the question comes to be, to what source *can* we look? The time was when we hoped that we might have obtained such an education in other quarters. In this hope the Synod delayed from time to time taking steps to provide it from its own resources until there seemed no alternative left, but either to do this or rapidly to sink in the community. Since this measure has been adopted, the course of the Provincial educational affairs, has removed any lingering doubts that may have existed, as to the propriety and seasonableness of the effort—*overthrown* every hope that may have been entertained from that source; and shows that for the Church to depend for the education necessary for the rising ministry upon the schemes of politicians and worldlings, would be not only unwise, but also unfaithfulness to her great Head.