

that he will send to us to be trained. But others will not work if an example is not set *here*, and it is for this Synod to adopt some definite active measures for increasing the Endowment. Perhaps it would be best to appoint a Committee to consider this matter and to report as speedily as possible, say not later than Saturday afternoon, and the discussion of the whole matter may be taken on their report. I may, however, remind you that we have the report of such a Committee on p. 43 of 12th Session, (1875), and on p. 82 of 16th Session, (1882), and that in accordance with its recommendation two Governors were elected, of whom one elected for two years went out of office in 1884. Owing to the hurry of closing the session no one was elected to fill the vacancy, and the other elected for four years is now out of office. You will, therefore, have to elect two Governors, and the proposed Committee may be requested to suggest two suitable persons, who ought to be resident in Halifax.

In close connection with this subject of the education of our young men is one of not less importance, the education and training of girls, more particularly of the daughters of the Clergy, who cannot generally afford to send them away, or to provide for anything beyond such education as they may obtain in the common schools of the country. This subject has, at different times, occupied the attention of this Synod, and on pp. 84-86 of 12th Session, 1875, an elaborate scheme is reported by a Committee of seven: A. Gray, Dr. Hill, Dr. Nichols, Canon Hensley, W. C. Silver, E. Binney, and W. H. Wiswell. This was in favor of establishing a Seminary under a joint stock company; and a further report on it is to be found on p. 39 of 13th Session, 1876. The Committee examined some buildings offered for sale, but nothing definite was accomplished. There is another report of the same Committee, signed by Rev. G. Hill as chairman, pp. 45-46 of 14th Session, 1878.

At length, in default of a practicable scheme on the lines of the Committee's report, Mr. Padfield's Seminary was recognized by the Synod as the Church Seminary by a resolution on p. 65 of 14th Session, 1878; and on p. 61 of 15th Session, 1880, we have a very encouraging report from the Principal, upon which a resolution was passed (p. 69) for extending it and carrying out the original scheme. But, unhappily, Mr. Padfield became involved in debt and lost courage, his energy failed, and the school came to an untimely end.

But something must now be done, or we shall suffer serious loss, for unless our young women are trained in a knowledge of those principles which are most dear to us all their powerful influence as they advance in years will be transferred to other bodies. We have to lament over many entrusted to the teaching and influence of the Roman Catholics, others are sent to Wolfville and to Mount Allison, and now the Presbyterians are about to establish a Female