

deem it right and prudent that the Church should be fully acquainted with everything connected with the state of your Educational operations, and what is required in order to sustain and increase their efficiency. With this view they submit a short outline for the information and guidance of Synod in their future action.

The Synod's Professors are six in number. Of these, three are attached to the Philosophical Department at Truro, and three to the Divinity Hall in Halifax. The maintenance of the two departments involves an outlay of £1260, apart from casual expenses, with an income of £1035 lls. 11d., leaving a balance of £224 8s. 1d., to be raised by the Synod. Part of what is credited as income is received from the Free Church in Scotland, and as a matter of duty must ere long, be borne by the Synod. This assumption of liabilities will require that the sum of [£800 to £900] be raised by the Church. This sum must be realized, or the operations of the Synod must be curtailed, a result which your Board cannot for a moment contemplate. It is more especially requisite that this subject receive thorough and immediate attention, as we have no security for the continuance of the grants from Scotland, nor it so would it be right that our Body with its large share of material wealth should continue to receive what might be of service to those less able to provide for themselves.

The library consists of about 4000 volumes, but requires large additions of works on general subjects, but especially of works connected with the subjects discussed by the Professors. In this respect it is desirable that of many works there should be a number of copies, and the increase in the number of students renders this imperative.

The apparatus connected with the Institution is respectable, and perhaps unequalled in the Lower Provinces. But its amount is confessedly inadequate to the wants of the Institution, and the daily improvements made in Physical Science; and much of the work of the class is done, and illustrations given by means of diagrams, a mode at best unsatisfactory to both Professor and Students. The same remark is applicable to the Chemical class. From limited means Professors have been thrown largely on their own resources, a defect for which a remedy should be provided, as the character of the education given is the basis of the Institution's future success.

Of the funds at the Synod's disposal, the Board need not speak, as full details will doubtless be given by the Board of Education. But they may remark as the educational arrangements stand they are inadequate. Much more so in view of that extension of the system at which the Church should aim.

The last session closed in April, and gave cheering evidence of progress and success. To this fact the reports of the Professors bear marked testimony.

Professor Ross conducts the Logic, Senior and Junior Greek and Chemical Classes. In the first there were twenty-three students, and during the Term each prepared from four to five Essays. In the second, (Senior Greek,) nineteen students. This class, for reasons stated in the Professor's report, was divided into two sections,—the first reading Plato and Demosthenes; the second Theocritus and Herodotus. In the third (Junior Greek) twenty-one students reading Bullion and thoroughly drilled in the Grammar. The Chemical Class is in Session only every alternate year. There was none the past Session.

Professor McCulloch superintends the Natural Philosophy, Mathematical and a Junior Latin Class. In the first there were fourteen students, each of whom delivered three Essays during the Term—being one less than usual owing to the pressure of preparation for the other classes. The improvement in Composition was exceedingly gratifying.

In the second (Mathematical Class) there were twenty-three students, not the half of those at the Institution, and the attendance was very irregular, owing partly to numerous demands upon the time of the students, and partly to the idea that this branch of study could be as successfully prosecuted in private and during the recess as in the Classes. The attention of Synod is earnestly called to this fact that there may be some definite arrangement on the subject. In the third (Junior Latin), were fourteen students. At first it was intended to place this class under Mr. Blanchard in the Training School, but for reasons stated in