

SEMINARY BUILDING.

The greatest deficiency now felt, is the want of a suitable building for the safe keeping of both Library and Apparatus, and were the Synod prepared to determine the permanent location of the Seminary, the Board would strongly recommend the immediate erection of a suitable edifice.

A memorial from Professor Ross may here be referred to:—

“The Hall,” says the Professor, “in which the classes now meet and in which the Library and Apparatus are contained, is public property. From want of room, both Library and Apparatus are crowded into too small a space and it is almost impossible that they can escape injury. The room contains no fire place nor grate, and affords no facilities for experimental purposes beyond a stove of very small dimensions and table lamps.

For these evils a building appropriated exclusively to the use of the Seminary, appears to be the natural, if not the only remedy.”

ADDITIONAL PROFESSOR.

There is however, another topic, to which the Board would solicit grave attention, and that is, the appointment of another Professor, whose duty it would be to take charge of the Classical and Mathematical Department, while the present Professor of these branches should direct his care exclusively to the Philosophical Department.

The increase of expenditure which such an arrangement would occasion, is the only objection which can be urged against it; and although this be a serious objection, it cannot be accounted insuperable.

Were the Church once thoroughly aroused to a sense of the vital importance of a ministry, thoroughly educated under her own immediate inspection, the additional burden of another Professor would scarcely be felt.

It must be readily allowed by every one at all acquainted with the branches of Literary and Scientific Education above named, that these present ample field for the labor of two able and energetic Professors. The memorial of Professor Ross addressed to the Board may again be referred to:—

“To the urgent necessity for securing the services of another Professor. The undersigned does not wish to be understood as complaining of the amount or va-

riety of his labors. If the interests of the Church require it, he is willing to do as he has done, while health permits. He confidently hopes, that if spared, he will be able, profiting by past experience, to discharge the duties of his situation hereafter, more efficiently than heretofore.— Still he conceives it to be perfectly evident, that no one individual is able to perform all the labor which he attempts, and to perform it in the manner in which the interests of the Church require that it should be done. Every teacher has defects as well as excellencies. By increasing the number of teachers, the defects may be supplied and the excellencies multiplied. The influence which result from bringing the student into contact with different minds in expanding the intellect, in giving enlargement to the views and in preparing for increased usefulness, ought not to be overlooked. The respectability of the Institution, also loudly demands an increase in the number of the Professors. The Seminary is dependent entirely upon the liberality of the Church for its support, and that liberality will be materially affected by the confidence which her members entertain in the efficiency of the education which it affords, and by its public character.”

MODE OF SUPPORT.

The Board would earnestly press upon the notice of Synod, the propriety of sending a deputation throughout the Church, so that every congregation might have the claims of the Seminary fairly and fully stated, and of engrafting upon their annual expenditure the support of this, confessedly the most fundamental scheme of the Church. Circulars have been addressed to the various sessions, and appeals have been prepared and published, but no such result has followed as proves the efficiency of such means. The living voice of a competent and authorised agent would accomplish more, by one address, than any form of circular or appeal which could be directed to the same people.— The report of such an agent or deputy would enable the Synod at once to estimate the extent of their permanent resources; for it is not to be concealed, that whatever foreign aid may be received, there is no sure dependence to be placed upon any other than the free-will offerings of the church whose immediate interests are at stake.

Were yearly contributions from each