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DR. CURRIE, in his introductory lecture at the present session of the Hall, has given an account of the early efforts of the fathers of the Presbyterian Church in this land to establish an institution for the training of young men for the ministry. They had long been pleading with the churches in Scotland for men to occupy the mission fields open on every side, but the supplies received from that source were uncertain and quite inadequate. In this state of things the idea was suggested of training them in this country. This is now considered so necessary to the establishment of the church in a new country, that even in the case of a mission to the heathen, it is looked forward to as what must be adopted at the earliest practicable date. In this we are as wise as Columbus' companions, after he had shown them how to make an egg stand on the table. Very different feelings were entertained at that time in the colonies. The large majority of the population being natives of the old country, disposed to contrast the state of society here with that which they had left there, and to dwell fondly on the advantages afforded by the latter, were naturally disposed to look upon the effort as impracticable, if not absurd. This was likely to prevail with Scotch Presbyterians, who above all had been accustomed to have their