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Although latterly the Committee on Scholarships thought it necessary, or best, to confine the application of their funds to students at the universities, it arose not from any diminution of interest in the students of theology. The desire seems to have been the accomplishment of the greatest possible good with the means at their disposal; and the conviction was, that by directing their exertions more to students at the colleges, a greater number might be induced to study for the ministry, the difficulties being greatest at the outset; whereas theological students can more easily support themselves.

The Synod were by no means indifferent to the interests of the further advanced students; but, on the contrary, in many respects, took the utmost pains to render the theological department of education complete and efficient.

In May, 1847, the Synod appointed a Committee, consisting of the five Professors, namely, the Rev. Drs. Brown, Harper, Lindsay, McMichael, and Eadie, with sixteen other ministers, to take into consideration the whole system of theological education.

In May, 1848, this Committee had completed a scheme and regulations on this important subject, which the Synod adopted, and by which all matters connected with the Theological Seminary have been since managed. This document is too long for insertion; but to show the high standard of education required, and the efficiency of the Seminary itself, we shall notice a few particulars.

The Professors are all men of the first eminence in theological, literary, and philosophical attainments. The branches respectively