

the Seminary commenced, and these are not many. The Synod have not yet been able to appropriate any sum (except occasional donations) to its increase; so that it comprises little more than what were received as donations in Scotland. Some of these are valuable, but on the whole the Library does not meet the wants of the Institution. In History, Philosophy, and General Literature, there is need of large additions. When it is considered how limited are the opportunities afforded to young men, of having access to works in these branches otherwise, and how important it is that they should have their minds enlarged by an acquaintance with those productions of the deathless great, by which English Literature is enriched, we trust that the friends of the Institution will see the propriety of a special effort to place the Library in this respect on a more efficient footing."

In regard to buildings, most of the members of the church are aware that a measure has been adopted by the Synod, which may render any exertions for this purpose less necessary. But the Synod should be prepared for any emergency, so that in the event of that measure being unsuccessful, it may once proceed to the erection of buildings; and in the event of its being successful, and it being found unnecessary to devote any portion of the sum now to be raised to that purpose, then the whole will be devoted to objects of permanent utility to the Seminary.

The members of the church then will observe that the object of the present movement is to provide *the permanent stock of the Seminary*. Of course, should individuals have any object to which they prefer that their contributions should be devoted, their wishes will be carefully attended to. But the object of the present measure is to raise a fund to be expended, not in the annual maintenance of the Seminary, but in providing whatever objects of permanent value and necessity the Synod may deem most for the interests of the Institution.

The Committee in fulfilling the appointment of Synod have therefore proposed, that the members of the church raise the sum of £4000 within the next two years. This sum they do not consider too large for the purpose. They are disposed considering the importance of the object—the generous support extended to us in the past and promised for the future—to devise liberal things, and to have the Insti-

tution fitted up on a scale that will be creditable to the liberality of the church.—Should buildings of any extent be required, the sum will be small enough; and even should they not, much more than the whole might be expended with advantage. Many of the articles of apparatus which it is extremely desirable to have, are costly. A good telescope for example, could not be had under £100, and without such an instrument the Institution must be very imperfectly furnished. Every person acquainted with books, knows how easily a large sum may be absorbed before a library would be furnished in a creditable manner. As already observed too, the opportunities afforded in this country to our students of access to books otherwise, are very limited; and if they would occupy a respectable position in general society, it is absolutely necessary that liberal provision be made in the Institution for their instruction in this way. Besides which, there are many books of a costly nature, which are necessary to professors as well as students. But the limited salaries we are enabled to pay them render it impossible to provide from their private means, and it would be discreditable to the church that it should be necessary for them to do so. Under these circumstances none need fear that the whole sum would be required for immediate expenditure.

Besides the effort for the above purposes, it is the desire of many that provision should be made for the annual support of the Institution by means of permanent vested funds. As differences of opinion existed on this point, the Synod have left the matter open to the consciences of all. They have accordingly, as will be seen by the terms of resolution, agreed to take up such sums as parties themselves may choose to have invested for that purpose. A subscription list will be opened at the same time, to receive the names of persons willing to contribute to this object, and the amount of their contributions.

It may be necessary to explain that in investing funds it is not intended that the funds should be so bound up, that under no circumstances could the principal be touched. All that is intended is, that *under ordinary circumstances*, only the interest should be used, but principal and interest are to be at the disposal of the Synod. It may be added that in cases where funds are invested in support of such institutions, it has been found most advisable that they