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The Bareilly Theological Seminary.

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This institution is situated at Bareilly, a city of 130,000 inhabitants, and the capital of Rohilkund, one of the Northwestern Provinces. It is the first Methodist theological seminary founded in Asia. The need of an institution for training native preachers was soon manifest in the history of the mission, but not until 1872 was the mission able to undertake the work. A timely gift of \$20,000 from Rev. D. W. Thomas, then of the India Mission, and who fortunately had some private means, enabled the old India conference to take this enterprise in hand. A small native preacher's house was used for the lecture-rooms, while some cheap buildings that had been erected for some native Christians employed in an experimental industrial school, were utilized for students' dormitories. The school opened with a class of eleven. Four years later Mr. Philo Remington, of Elion, N. Y., gave \$5000 to aid in the erection of more permanent buildings, and with this sum duplicated by the Mission Board, Remington Hall, the central building, was erected. It is a brick structure consisting of a central cruciform hall, surrounded by four class-rooms filling in the building a square, with a large library and reading-room on the top. To the left of this building is Butler Hall, erected in 1890, in honor of Dr. Wm. Butler, the founder of this mission, by funds contributed by many admiring friends. This structure is one story, uniform in style with the central building, and consists of two fine lecture halls. To the right, in 1893, Ernest Hall was built, uniform in style and size with Butler Hall. It was erected by Rev. E. S. and Mrs. E. R. Kiplinger, in memory of their son Ernest, who had just fin-

ished his education and was much interested in mission work, but was early called to the better world. In this hall is a large beautiful symbolical painting, six by eight feet, consisting of five emblems—the Bible, the cross, an olive branch, a crook, and over all a crown, suspended in radiance. This painting and a life-size portrait of Ernest Kiplinger were sent out by the parents. This seminary has at present a small endowment of \$50,000, with buildings valued at \$16,500. The institution is chartered or "registered," as it is called in India, under the Government of the Northwest Provinces, and has its legal Board of Trustees, who care for the institution and its funds.

The course of three years' study is substantially that of any such institution in the United States, except that not so much is made of Hebrew and Greek. The teaching staff at present consists of two foreign missionaries and five native professors and teachers.

Connected with the seminary is a normal department for training teachers for the mission primary and higher grade schools. The preparation of Christian teachers for the mission schools is an important work. The full course of study takes four years. This normal department also serves as a preparatory department of the seminary for such students as may be deficient in secular knowledge. Many pastor-teachers have gone out from this department.

An important part of this institution is the Woman's Training School. Most of the students who enter the theological seminary, from the custom of early marriage, are married men. Early in the history of the seminary the experiment was successfully tried of training the wives of the students to cooperate with them in evangelistic and pastoral work. The wives who cannot read are taught and then trained in what is call-