

the last session, set apart a considerable sum for the purchase of apparatus, and for the support of several of the higher seminaries in the Province. But however secure the Society may feel itself in theory, in the practical application it has decidedly failed, and having no expectation of being able to bring over the House of Assembly to its views, it can only submit, and hope that, being thrown on the generosity of its own city, it may still be able to lift up its head, and to effect an object which will be a benefit, not only to the present, but, it is to be hoped, to many generations.

Having been obliged, therefore, to give up its reliance for assistance on the Legislature, the Society immediately determined to endeavour to procure the necessary means in another way. It has, therefore, been resolved to put into circulation a subscription list, and not to decide upon the locality of the intended building till the amount collected shall have been obtained. Should the sum be barely sufficient to enable the Society to put up a building adequate to its purposes, it will probably be located at Pres-de-Ville, but should the amount raised be sufficient to enable the Society to purchase a lot of ground of sufficient dimensions within the city, such a situation will be considered by much to be preferred.

The next, and a very important matter, is the consideration of the finances. Circumstances over which the Council had no control, have prevented the Finance Committee, appointed last year, from reporting, so that no detailed statement can be given of the funds of the Society. They have, however, been informed by the Chairman of that Committee that a Report is nearly completed, and that it will exhibit a more favourable condition of the finances than had been anticipated. The Society, it appears, has not run into debt, but a balance still remains due to a former Treasurer; yet the annual income appears to have increased, and it is confidently stated that it may be estimated at from £120 to £150. It must remain, of course, somewhat fluctuating and uncertain, as depending entirely on the annual payment of the members, whose numbers