

obvious is it that some systematic appropriation of money must be made to this object.

The number of students at Horton, pious, promising young men, such as the churches would approve, might doubtless be easily augmented; but the Committee's hands are tied; the narrow limit of their means forbids advance; while, in the mean time, millions of Heathen are perishing, and hundreds of christian churches here and elsewhere, are destitute of adequate pastors; while only *seven dollars annually*, from each of the churches in this association would give a good English and Classical education to *five* students; and *one farthing a week* from each member would more than support *twelve*.

If ever in the ranks of educated men there have appeared such "burning and shining lights" as Baxter or Whitefield, such devoted Missionaries to the heathen as Schwartz, Elliot, Brainard, or Judson; is there any individual professing to know the love of Christ which passes all knowledge, who would not deem it a high honor to have contributed in any manner to the efficiency of these honored servants of the Lord? Is there anyone who would deem *a farthing a week* too great a sacrifice to purchase the probability of raising up other men like them?

Your Committee are aware of many objections that are made against educating young men for the ministry. That it excludes the necessity of pious character, of a divine "call," and suitable talents for the work of the ministry, is practically refuted by the committee only seeking as their beneficiaries persons possessed of these qualifications. And if the apparent removing such persons from *immediate* ministerial work is the objection; your committee would meet it, by a few simple questions.

May not, they would ask, a child of 12 or 14 years of age be marked out for the ministry by those inward qualifications which are generally considered as constituting a divine call? Is he therefore not to be educated?