

their successful results, your Board could not be but exceedingly gratified. Every thing indicated order, attention, and improvement; and the conviction was deepened on the mind of every one present, that a time to favor our Zion had now come—a time when we could send forth active, zealous, and we trust, pious young men to the Lord's vineyard, educated and trained under our own immediate inspection.

SEMINARY BUILDINGS.

The place formerly occupied by the Seminary is public property. To its proprietors the Board consider themselves greatly indebted for its use so long. It was, however, very inconvenient, both for Professors and Students. The classes, the apparatus, and the Library, were all crowded into one room. Agreeable to the recommendation of Synod, the Board took into consideration the propriety of securing better accommodation. They obtained the use of the house formerly occupied by Professor Ross. In it there are 4 rooms, one of which is set apart for the classes, another for the apparatus, and a third for the library. The accommodation here, is much superior to what it formerly was; but still there is urgent necessity for a place built for the very purpose. The house presently occupied is old; it would require considerable expence to make it sufficient; and even then, in many respects, it would not be convenient. Your Board are not aware of the conclusion at which the committee appointed by Synod to determine a suitable locality for the Seminary, have arrived; but whatever conclusion they may have come to, your Board would press earnestly upon the attention of Synod, the necessity and importance of erecting buildings in some way or another, and with all convenient speed.—The respectability, and what is of greater importance, the influence and utility of the Seminary, as well as the comfort of the Professors and Students generally, urgently demand it; and this respectability and influence, your Board are fully persuaded, are of much greater value than some, who take merely a passing glance at the subject, are apt at first to suppose.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSOR.

The Board still retain their opinion as to the necessity of another Professor.

While they are prepared to admit cheerfully and thankfully, that the present Professor has done as much as any man in his circumstances could do, and far more than could have been anticipated, still, when the variety of studies is considered, the interests of the Church clearly demand a division of labor in this department. Following out another recommendation of Synod, your Board at their meeting at West River, Dec. 29, 1852, took into consideration the best means of "bringing out more fully the resources of the Church to enable the Synod to make the appointment of a second Professor." To meet the present exigency, several plans were proposed; but, at last it was concluded that arrangements as they now exist, should continue for another year, or in other words, that the Professor should continue to teach the several branches as he has formerly done. At the same time, it was agreed to test the congregations by some specific means, how far they would be prepared to support a second Professor, or maintain the Seminary on an enlarged scale. To accomplish this purpose, it was proposed that two or three ministers should be appointed a deputation, to visit all the congregations, and ascertain their views on this subject. But it was found impossible at present to secure the services of any two ministers. It was then resolved that *eleven* ministers should be appointed to visit, each two or three congregations. Arrangements for P. E. Island and other distant places, were, at the same time, made. To secure harmony in their addresses and recommendations, instructions were drawn up for the guidance of the several deputies.—These were—to "show the necessity of the Institution; its dependence upon the voluntary contributions of the Church; the duty of our members to support it; and the absolute necessity of combined and steady effort to insure success."—Subscription Cards were at the same time issued for the use of sections in every Congregation. So far as the reports of the deputies have been received, they are highly encouraging. Rev. R. S. Patterson reports that he and Rev. Mr Murray visited the congregations in the western part of P. E. Island, and obtained annual subscriptions of £15, for a second Professor, and the subscription lists were not completed. Reports