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INTRODUCTION.

INASMUCH as the obtaining of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord, to the glory of the eternal God, is the chief object which claims the attention of man ; and considering, that in the attainment of this object the dispensation of the Gospel is principally instrumental ; it is manifestly of the highest importance, that the best means be used to insure the faithful preaching of the Gospel, and the pure administration of all its ordinances. With this view, therefore, institutions for the education of youth intended for the holy ministry, have been established in all Christian countries, and have been found, by long experience, most eminently conducive to the prosperity of the Church. Hence the founders of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, did, from its very origin, exert themselves with peculiar zeal to establish and endow colleges, academies, and schools, for the education of youth for the Gospel ministry. So rapid, however, has been the extension of this Church, and so disproportionate, of late, has been the number of ministers educated, to the call which has been made for ministerial service, that some additional and vigorous efforts to increase the supply are loudly and

affectingly demanded. Circumstances also do imperiously dictate, not only that the labourers in the vineyard of the Lord should be multiplied, but that they should be more thoroughly furnished than they have ordinarily been for the arduous work to which they must be called. Influenced by the views and considerations now recited, the General Assembly, after mature deliberation, have resolved, in reliance on the patronage and blessing of the Great Head of the Church, to establish a new Institution, consecrated solely to the education of men for the Gospel ministry, and to be denominated, *The Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America*. And to the intent that the true design of the founders of this institution may be known to the public, both now and in time to come, and especially that this design may, at all times, be distinctly viewed, and sacredly regarded, both by the teachers and the pupils of the Seminary, it is judged proper to make a summary and explicit statement of it.

It is to form men for the Gospel ministry, who shall truly believe, and cordially love, and therefore endeavour to propagate and defend, in its genuineness, simplicity, and fulness, that system of religious belief and practice which is set forth in the Confession of Faith, Catechisms, and Plan of Government and Discipline of the Presbyterian Church, and thus to perpetuate and extend the influence of true evangelical piety, and Gospel order.

It is to provide for the Church an adequate supply and succession of able and faithful ministers of the New Testament; workmen that *need not to be ashamed*, being qualified *rightly to divide the word of truth*.

It is to unite, in those who shall sustain the ministerial office, religion and literature; that piety of the heart

which is the fruit only of the renewing and sanctifying grace of God, with solid learning: believing that religion without learning, or learning without religion, in the ministers of the Gospel, must ultimately prove injurious to the Church.

It is to afford more advantages than have hitherto been usually possessed by the ministers of religion in our country, to cultivate both piety and literature in their preparatory course; piety, by placing it in circumstances favourable to its growth, and by cherishing and regulating its ardour; literature, by affording favourable opportunities for its attainment, and by making its possession indispensable.

It is to provide for the Church, men who shall be able to defend her faith against infidels, and her doctrines against heretics.

It is to furnish our congregations with enlightened, humble, zealous, laborious pastors, who shall truly watch for the good of souls, and consider it as their highest honour and happiness to win them to the Saviour, and to build up their several charges in holiness and peace.

It is to promote harmony and unity of sentiment among the ministers of our Church, by educating a large body of them under the same teachers, and in the same course of study.

It is to lay the foundation of early and lasting friendships, productive of confidence and mutual assistance in after-life among the ministers of religion; which experience shows to be conducive not only to personal happiness, but to the perfecting of inquiries, researches, and publications advantageous to religion.

It is to preserve the unity of our Church, by educating her ministers in an enlightened attachment, not only to the same doctrines, but to the same plan of government.

It is to bring to the service of the Church genius and talent, when united with piety, however poor or obscure may be their possessor, by furnishing, as far as possible, the means of education and support, without expense to the student.

It is to found a nursery for missionaries to the heathen, and to such as are destitute of the stated preaching of the gospel; in which youth may receive that appropriate training which may lay a foundation for their ultimately becoming eminently qualified for missionary work.

It is, finally, to endeavour to raise up a succession of men, at once *qualified for* and *thoroughly devoted to* the work of the Gospel ministry; who, with various endowments, suiting them to different stations in the Church of Christ, may all possess a portion of the spirit of the primitive propagators of the Gospel; prepared to make every sacrifice, to endure every hardship, and to render every service which the promotion of pure and undefiled religion may require.

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ARTICLE I.

Of the General Assembly.

SECTION 1. As this institution derives its origin from the General Assembly, so that body is to be considered at all times as its patron, and the fountain of its powers. The Assembly shall, accordingly ultimately sanction all its laws, direct its instructions, and appoint its principal officers.

Sect. 2. The General Assembly shall choose a Board of Directors, consisting of twenty-one ministers and nine ruling elders, by whom the Seminary shall be inspected and conducted. Of this number, one third or seven ministers and three elders shall be chosen annually; to continue in office three years. And if any vacancy shall occur in the Board, by death, resignation, or incapacity to serve, the Assembly may annually fill up such vacancies.

Sect. 3. All professors of the Seminary shall be appointed by the Assembly. But in cases of necessity, the Board of Directors may employ a suitable person to perform the duties of a professor, till a meeting of the Assembly shall take place.

Sect. 4. The General Assembly shall, at all times, have the power of adding to the Constitutional Articles of the Seminary, and of abrogating, altering, or amending them; but, in the exercise of this power, the contemplated additions, abrogations, alterations, or amendments, shall, in every case, be proposed at one Assembly, and not adopted till the Assembly of the subsequent year, except by a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE II.

Of the Board of Directors.

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall meet statedly, twice in each year; once in the spring, and once in the fall, and oftener on their own adjournments, if they shall judge it expedient. Eleven members of the board shall be a quorum; provided always, that of this number six, at least, be ministers of the Gospel, and the president, or in case of his absence, the vice president be one.

Sec. 2. The board shall choose, out of their own number, a president, vice president and secretary. In the absence of the president and vice president, the senior member present shall preside.

Sect. 3. The president of the board, or in the event of his death, absence, or inability to act, the vice president shall, at the request of any three members, expressed to him in writing, call a special meeting of the board of directors by a circular letter addressed to each; in which letter notice shall be given, not only of the place and time of meeting, but of the business intended to be transacted at the meeting notified; and this letter shall be sent at least twenty days before the time of said meeting.

Sect. 4. The secretary of the board shall keep accurate records of all the proceedings of the directors; and it shall be his duty to lay these records, or a faithful transcript of the same, before the General Assembly, annually, for the unrestrained inspection of all the members.

Sect. 5. Every meeting of the board of directors shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Sect. 6. The board of directors may make rules and regulations for the performance of the duties assigned them, or for the preservation of order, not inconsistent with the prescriptions of this plan, or the orders of the General Assembly.

Sect. 7. At the commencement of each stated spring meeting, the whole plan of the Seminary shall be distinctly read before the board of directors.

Sect. 8. The board shall direct the professors of the Seminary, in regard to the subjects and topics on which they are severally to give instructions to the pupils, so far as the same shall not be prescribed by this plan, or by the orders of the General Assembly.

Sect. 9. It shall be the duty of the board of directors to inaugurate the professors of the Seminary, and to direct what forms shall be used, and what services performed, on such occasions.

Sect. 10. Every director, previously to his taking his seat as a member of the board, shall solemnly subscribe the following formula, viz.—“ Approving the plan of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, I solemnly declare and promise, in the presence of God and of this board, that I will faithfully endeavour to carry into effect all the articles and provisions of said plan, and to promote the great design of the Seminary.”

Sect. 11. The board of directors shall inspect the fidelity of the professors, especially in regard to the doctrines actually taught; and if, after due inquiry and examination, they shall judge that any professor is either unsound in the faith, opposed to the fundamental principles of Presbyterian Church Government, immoral in his conduct, unfaithful to his trust, or incompetent to the discharge of his duties, they shall faithfully report him as such to the General Assembly. Or if the longer contin-

nance of a professor be judged highly dangerous, the directors may immediately suspend him, and appoint another in his place, till the whole business can be reported, and submitted to the Assembly.

Sect. 12. It shall be the duty of the board of directors to watch over the conduct of the students; to redress grievances; to examine into the whole course of instruction and study in the Seminary; and generally to superintend and endeavour to promote all its interests.

Sect. 13. The board of directors shall make, in writing, a detailed and faithful report of the state of the Seminary, to every General Assembly; and they may, at the same time, recommend such measures for the advantage of the Seminary, as to them may appear proper.

Sect. 14. At every stated meeting of the board of directors, unless particular circumstances render it inexpedient, there shall be at least one sermon delivered in the presence of the board, the professors, and students, by a director or directors previously appointed for the purpose.

ARTICLE III.

Of the Professors.

Section 1. The number of the professors in the Seminary shall be increased or diminished, as the Assembly may, from time to time, direct. But when the Seminary shall be completely organized, there shall not be less than three professors: one of Didactic and Polemic Divinity; one of

Oriental and Biblical Literature ; and one of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.

Sect. 2. No person shall be inducted into the office of professor of divinity, but an ordained minister of the Gospel.

Sect. 3. Every person elected to a professorship, in this Seminary, shall, on being inaugurated, solemnly subscribe the Confession of Faith, Catechisms, and Form of Government of the Presbyterian Church, agreeably to the following formula, viz.—“ In the presence of God and of the directors of this Seminary, I do solemnly, and *ex animo* adopt, receive, and subscribe the Confession of Faith, and Catechisms of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, as the confession of my faith ; or, as a summary and just exhibition of that system of doctrine and religious belief which is contained in holy Scripture, and therein revealed by God to man for his salvation ; and I do solemnly *ex animo* profess to receive the Form of Government of said Church, as agreeable to the inspired oracles. And I do solemnly promise and engage, not to inculcate, teach, or insinuate any thing which shall appear to me to contradict or contravene, either directly or impliedly, any thing taught in the said Confession of Faith or Catechisms ; nor to oppose any of the fundamental principles of Presbyterian Church Government, while I shall continue a professor in this Seminary.”

Sect. 4. The salaries of the professors shall be recommended by the directors ; but they shall be fixed only by a vote of the General Assembly.

Sect. 5. The professors may accompany their lectures and recitations with prayer, as frequently as they may judge proper, in addition to those daily seasons of prayer in which all the students will unite.

Sect. 6. Each professor shall lay before the board of directors, as soon as practicable after his appointment, a detailed exhibition of the system and method which he proposes to pursue, and the subjects which he proposes to discuss, in conducting the studies of the youth that shall come under his care : and in this system he shall make such alterations or additions as the board shall direct ; so that, eventually, the whole course through which the pupils shall be carried, shall be no other than that which the board of directors shall have approved and sanctioned, conformably to Sect. 8. Art. II. And as often as any professor shall think that variations and additions of importance may be advantageously introduced into his course of teaching, he shall submit the same to the board of directors, for their approbation or rejection.

Sect. 7. Every professor shall, if practicable, have at least one lecture or recitation every day, on which the pupils, in his branch of instruction shall be bound to attend ; and on which the other pupils of the Seminary shall attend as often, and in such manner, as may be directed by the majority of the board of directors.

Sect. 8. Any professor intending to resign his office, shall give six months notice of such intention to the board of directors.

Sect. 9. The professors of the Institution shall be considered as a faculty. They shall meet at such seasons as they may judge proper. In every meeting the professor of didactic and polemic divinity shall preside, if he be present. If he be absent, a president shall be chosen pro tempore. The faculty shall choose a clerk, and keep accurate records of all their proceedings ; which records shall be laid before the directors at every meeting of the board. The president of the faculty shall call a meeting whenever he shall judge it expedient, and whenever he shall be requested to do so by any other member. By

the faculty, regularly convened, shall be determined the hours and seasons at which the classes shall attend the professors severally, so as to prevent interference and confusion, and to afford to the pupils the best opportunities of improvement. The faculty shall attend to, and decide on all cases of discipline, and all questions of order, as they shall arise. They shall agree on the rules of order, decorum, and duty, (not inconsistent with any provision in the plan of the Seminary, nor with any order of the board of directors,) to which the students shall be subjected; and these they shall reduce to writing, and cause to be publicly and frequently read. They shall determine the hours at which the whole of the pupils shall, morning and evening, attend for social worship, and the manner in which, and the person or persons, of their own number, by whom, the exercises of devotion shall be conducted.

Sect. 10. The faculty shall be empowered to dismiss from the Seminary any student who shall prove unsound in his religious sentiments; immoral or disorderly in his conduct; or who may be, in their opinion, on any account whatsoever, a dangerous, or unprofitable member of the Institution.

Sect. 11. Each member of the faculty shall have an equal vote.

Sect. 12. It shall be the duty of the professors, under the direction of the board of directors, to supply the pupils of the Institution with the preaching of the Gospel, and the administration of the Sacraments of the Christian Church; if this supply shall not, in the judgment of the directors, be satisfactorily furnished by a Church or Churches in the place where the Institution shall be established.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Study and Attainments.

As the particular course of study pursued in any Institution will, and perhaps ought to be modified in a considerable degree, by the views and habits of the teachers; and ought, moreover, to be varied, altered, or extended, as experience may suggest improvements; it is judged proper to specify, not so precisely the course of study, as the attainments which must be made. Therefore,

Sect. 1. Every student, at the close of his course, must have made the following attainments, viz. He must be well skilled in the original languages of the Holy Scriptures. He must be able to explain the principal difficulties which arise in the perusal of the Scriptures, either from erroneous translations, apparent inconsistencies, real obscurities, or objections arising from history, reason, or argument. He must be versed in Jewish and Christian antiquities, which serve to explain and illustrate Scripture. He must have an acquaintance with ancient geography, and with oriental customs, which throw light on the sacred records.—Thus he will have laid the foundation for becoming a sound biblical critic.

— He must have read and digested the principal arguments and writings relative to what has been called the deistical controversy.—Thus will he be qualified to become a defender of the Christian faith.

He must be able to support the doctrines of the Confession of Faith and Catechisms, by a ready, pertinent, and abundant quotation of Scripture texts for that

purpose. He must have studied, carefully and correctly, Natural, Didactic, Polemic, and Casuistic Theology. He must have a considerable acquaintance with General History and Chronology, and a particular acquaintance with the history of the Christian Church.—Thus he will be preparing to become an able and sound divine and casuist.

He must have read a considerable number of the best practical writers on the subject of religion. He must have learned to compose with correctness and readiness in his own language, and to deliver what he has composed to others in a natural and acceptable manner. He must be well acquainted with the several parts, and the proper structure of popular lectures and sermons. He must have composed at least two lectures and four popular sermons, that shall have been approved by the professors. He must have carefully studied the duties of the pastoral care.—Thus he will be prepared to become a useful preacher, and a faithful pastor.

He must have studied attentively the form of Church Government authorized by the Scriptures, and the administration of it as it has taken place in Protestant Churches.—Thus he will be qualified to exercise discipline, and to take part in the government of the Church in all its judicatories.

Sect. 2. The period of continuance in the Theological Seminary shall, in no case, be less than three years, previously to an examination for a certificate of approbation. But students may enter the seminary, and enjoy the course of instruction for a shorter time than three years, provided they in all other respects submit to the laws of the Seminary, of which facts they may receive a written declaration from the professors.

Sect. 3. Those pupils who have regularly and diligently studied for three years, shall be admitted to an

examination on the subjects specified in this article. The examination shall be conducted by the professors, in the presence of the board of directors, or a committee of them ; and if it be passed to the satisfaction of the directors, they who so pass it, shall receive a certificate of the same, signed by the professors, with which they shall be remitted to their several presbyteries, to be disposed of as such presbyteries shall direct. Those who do not pass a satisfactory examination shall remain a longer space in the Seminary.

Sect. 4. It shall be the object of the professors to make such arrangements in the instruction of their pupils, as shall be best adapted to enable them, in the space of three years, to be examined with advantage on the subjects specified in this article.

ARTICLE V.

Of Devotion, and Improvement in Practical Piety.

It ought to be considered as an object of primary importance by every student in the Seminary, to be careful and vigilant not to lose that inward sense of the power of godliness which he may have attained ; but, on the contrary, to grow continually in a spirit of enlightened devotion and fervent piety ; deeply impressed with the recollection that without this, all his other acquisitions will be comparatively of little worth, either to himself, or to the Church of which he is to be a minister.

He must remember, too, that this is a species of improvement which must of necessity be left, in a great

measure, with himself, as a concern between God and his own soul.

It is proper, however, to delineate the path of duty, to express the wishes and expectations of the founders of the Seminary, and to make such requirements as the nature of the subject will permit.

Sect. 1. It is expected that every student in the Theological Seminary will spend a portion of time every morning and evening in devout meditation, and self-recollection and examination ; in reading the holy Scriptures, solely with a view to a personal and practical application of the passage read, to his own heart, character, and circumstances ; and in humble fervant prayer and praise to God in secret.

The whole of every Lord's day is to be devoted to devotional exercises, either of a social or secret kind. Intellectual pursuits, not immediately connected with devotion or the religion of the heart, are on that day to be forborne. The books to be read are to be of a practical nature. The conversations had with each other are to be chiefly on religious subjects. Associations for prayer and praise, and for religious conference, calculated to promote a growth in grace, are also proper for this day ; subject to such regulations as the professors and directors may see proper to prescribe. It is wished and recommended, that each student should ordinarily set apart one day in a month for special prayer and self-examination in secret, and also that he should, on suitable occasions, attend to the duty of fasting.

Sect. 2. If any student shall exhibit, in his general deportment, a levity or indifference in regard to practical religion, though it do not amount to any overt act of irreligion or immorality, it shall be the duty of the professor who may observe it, to admonish him tenderly and

faithfully in private, and endeavour to engage him to a more holy temper, and a more exemplary deportment.

Sect. 3. If a student, after due admonition, persist in a system of conduct not exemplary in regard to religion, he shall be dismissed from the Seminary.

Sect. 4. The professors are particularly charged, by all the proper means in their power, to encourage, cherish and promote devotion and personal piety among their pupils, by warning and guarding them, on the one hand, against formality and indifference, and on the other, against ostentation and enthusiasm ; by inculcating practical religion in their lectures and recitations ; by taking suitable occasions to converse with their pupils privately on this interesting subject ; and by all other means incapable of being minutely specified, by which they may foster true experimental religion, and unreserved devotedness to God.



ARTICLE VI.

Of the Students.

Section 1. Every student, applying for admission to the Theological Seminary, shall produce satisfactory testimonials that he possesses good natural talents, and is of a prudent and discreet deportment ; that he is in full communion with some regular Church : that he has passed through a regular course of academical study ; or, wanting this, he shall submit himself to an examination in regard to the branches of literature taught in such a course.

Sect. 2. The first six months of every student in the Seminary shall be considered as probationary ; and if, at the end of this period, any student shall appear to the professors not qualified to proceed in his studies, they shall so report him to the board of directors, who, if they are of the same opinion with the professors, shall dismiss him from the Seminary.

Sect. 3. The hours of study and of recreation for the students shall be fixed by the professors, with the concurrence of the directors ; and every student shall pay a strict regard to the rules established relative to this subject.

Sect. 4. Every student shall be obliged to write on such theological and other subjects, as may be prescribed to him by the professors. In the first year, every student shall be obliged to produce a written composition on such subjects, at least once in every month ; in the second year, once in three weeks ; in the third year, once in two weeks. Once a month each student shall also commit to memory a piece of his own composition, and pronounce it in public, before the professors and students.

Sect. 5. Every student shall not only preserve an exemplary moral character, but shall be expected to treat his teachers with the greatest deference and respect, and all of her persons with civility.

Sect. 6. Every student shall yield a prompt and ready obedience to all the lawful requisitions of the professors and directors.

Sect. 7. Diligence and industry in study shall be considered as indispensable in every student, unless the want of health shall prevent, of which the professors shall take cognizance, and make the suitable allowance.

Sect. 8. Strict temperance in meat and drink is expected of every student, with cleanliness and neatness in

his dress and habits; while all excessive expense in cloathing is strictly prohibited.

Sect. 9. Every student, before he takes his standing in the Seminary, shall subscribe the following declaration, viz.—“ Deeply impressed with a sense of the importance of improving in knowledge, prudence, and piety, in my preparation for the Gospel Ministry, I solemnly promise, in a reliance on divine grace, that I will faithfully and diligently attend on all the instructions of this Seminary, and that I will conscientiously and vigilantly observe all the rules and regulations specified in the plan for its instruction and government, so far as the same relate to the students; and that I will obey all the lawful requisitions, and readily yield to all the wholesome admonitions of the professors and directors of the Seminary, while I shall continue a member of it.”

Sect. 10. There shall be two vacations in the Seminary, of six weeks continuance each, in every year, to commence at such times as the Board of Directors may deem most expedient.

ARTICLE VII.*

Of the Library.

Section 1. To obtain, ultimately, a complete theological Library, shall be considered as a leading object of the Institution.

* This article is laid over for the consideration of a future Assembly.

Sect. 2. It shall be the duty of the directors to present to the General Assembly, a catalogue of the most necessary books for the commencement of a library, and recommend the purchase of such a number as the state of the funds will permit.

Sect. 3. It shall be the duty of the professors to procure and keep a large folio, to be denominated, *The Prospectus of a Catalogue of a Theological Library*. In this folio, divided into proper heads, each professor shall, at his pleasure, enter, in its proper place, the title of such books as he shall deliberately judge to be proper for the library. The board of directors, or the members of it individually, may do the same. From this folio it shall be the duty of the directors to select such books as they think most necessary, and as the sum appropriated for the current year will purchase, and recommend their purchase to the Assembly. The Assembly shall, annually, decide by vote, what sum of money, for the current year, shall be laid out in the purchase of books.

Sect. 4. A suitable room or apartment shall be assigned for the library. The shelves for the books shall be divided into compartments or alcoves; and if any one of them be filled, or nearly so, by a donor, his name shall be conspicuously placed over it.

Sect. 5. A librarian shall be appointed by the Assembly.

Sect. 6. No book shall be permitted, on any occasion, to be carried from the Seminary.

Sect. 7. A book of donations shall be carefully kept by the librarian, in which shall be entered, by him, the books given to the library, the time when, and the name of the donor.

Sect. 8. Regulations for the use of the library, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article, shall be detailed in a system of by-laws, for that purpose; to be

draughted by the first librarian, and occasionally modified and added to, as circumstances shall require, by his successors; which regulations, after being ratified by the board of directors, shall be authoritative.

ARTICLE VIII.

Of the Funds.

Section 1. The funds of the Institution shall be kept, at all times, entirely distinct and separate from all other monies or funds whatsoever; and they shall be deposited in the hands of such corporation, or disposed of for safe keeping and improvement, in such other manner, as the General Assembly shall direct.

Sect. 2. The board of directors shall, from time to time, as they may see proper, lay before the Assembly plans for the improvement of the funds, and propositions for the appropriation of such sums as they may think necessary for particular purposes.

Sect. 3. No money shall, at any time, be drawn from the funds, but by an appropriation and order of the Assembly for the purpose.

Sect. 4. A fair statement shall annually be laid before the Assembly, by the proper officer, of the amount of the funds belonging to the Seminary, of the items which constitute that amount, and of the expenditures in detail for the preceding year.

Sect. 5. The intention and directions of testators or donors, in regard to monies or other property left or given to the Seminary, shall, at all times, be sacredly regarded. And if any individual, or any number of indi-

viduals, not greater than three, shall by will, or during his or their lives, found or endow a professorship or professorships, a scholarship or scholarships, or a fund or funds, destined to special purposes, said professorships, scholarships, or funds, shall for ever afterwards be called and known by the name or names of those who founded or endowed them.

Sect. 6. After supporting the professors, and defraying the other necessary charges of the Seminary, the funds shall be applied, as far as circumstances will admit, to defray or diminish the expenses of those students who may need pecuniary aid, as well as to lessen, generally, the expense of a residence at the Seminary.



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THE importance of the union of piety and learning in the Holy Ministry, is one of those radical principles of ecclesiastical wisdom which the experience of ages has served more and more to confirm. If the *Priest's lips were, of old, to keep knowledge*; if the Ministers of the Gospel are bound to *feed the people with knowledge and with understanding*; then nothing can be plainer than that ignorance, or small and indigested knowledge is, next to the want of piety, one of the most serious defects in a candidate for the sacred office. And it is equally plain, that no church which neglects the proper education of her ministry, can be considered as faithful, either to her own most precious interests, or to the honour of her divine Head and Lord.

Impressed with these solemn convictions, a number of the Ministers and other Members of the Presbyterian Church, long before the establishment of their Seminary, now so happily in operation, deeply lamented the want of such an Institution, and saw, with much pain, the extreme disadvantages under which candidates for the Ministry laboured, in pursuing their Theological Studies.—They saw young men, after devoting only twelve or eighteen months, and, in some instances, much less, to the study of Theology; and even, for that time, almost wholly without suitable helps, taking on themselves the most weighty and responsible of all offices.

They saw the "Reformed Dutch Church," the "Associate Reformed Church," and the Descendents of the venerable Puritans in New-England, all going before them in an honourable and successful career of exertion, to remove these disadvantages, and to establish Seminaries for the Instruction of their Candidates for the Ministry; and they perceived, that unless the Presbyterian Church should imitate their examples, while other denominations rose and flourished, they would inevitably decline, and fall into a state of discouraging weakness and inferiority.

Accordingly, after long waiting, and after much counsel and prayer, the proposal to establish a Theological Seminary in the Presbyterian Church, was first introduced into the General Assembly, during the sessions of that body in May, 1809. It was so far countenanced, that an overture on the subject was sent down to all the Presbyteries for their consideration and judgment. The opinions of the Presbyteries were so far received by the General Assembly which sat the next year, that the following Resolution, after mature deliberation, was adopted by a nearly unanimous vote, viz.—

"Resolved, That the General Assembly will, in the name of the Great Head of the Church, immediately attempt to establish a Seminary for securing to Candidates for the Ministry more extensive and efficient Theological Instruction, than they have heretofore enjoyed."

This measure was followed by the appointment of a large Committee, to draft a Constitution for the proposed Seminary; who, at the meeting of the next Assembly, May, 1811, reported their draft, which, after considerable amendment, was adopted. This Constitution has been for some years before the public; but for the sake of those who may not have had an opportunity of inspecting it, it

will be subjoined, at full length, to the present Sketch: The friends of the Seminary, it is confidently hoped, will see in every clause of that instrument, an earnest solicitude to render the Institution a nursery of vital godliness as well as of theological learning; and thus make it, what it can never otherwise be hoped to prove, a blessing to the Church of God.

At the meeting of the next Assembly, in May, 1812, the location of the Seminary was fixed at Princeton, in New-Jersey; a Board of Directors was elected, and the Rev. Dr. Archibald Alexander was appointed Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology. On the last Tuesday of June following, the Board of Directors held their first meeting. On the 12th day of August, of the same year, the Board of Directors met again, and Dr. Alexander was solemnly inaugurated, and entered on the duties of his office. The number of Students, at the opening of the Institution, was three.

At the meeting of the Assembly in May, 1813, the number of Students had increased to eight. By this Assembly the Rev. Dr. Samuel Miller was elected Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government, and was inaugurated by the Board of Directors on the 29th of September following. The number of Students has been gradually increasing from the first opening of the Seminary until the present time. The highest number, at any one time, has been forty-nine.

The General Assembly, in 1815, taking into consideration the great inconveniences resulting to the Institution, from the want of suitable apartments for the recitations, and other exercises of the Seminary; and more especially the numerous privations, and even dangers to their health, to which the students were subjected by the want of convenient places of lodging; determined to erect a Public Edi-

fice in Princeton, which should contain all the public apartments indispensably necessary for the present, and also lodging rooms for the comfortable accommodation of all the pupils. Accordingly this edifice was commenced in the autumn of that year, and is now in such forwardness that it is hoped the Institution may without much difficulty be accommodated in it, from and after the commencement of the next session. This building is of stone, one hundred and fifty feet in length, fifty in breadth, and four stories high, including the basement story. The estimated cost, before the work was actually begun, was between forty-seven and forty-eight thousand dollars; and it is now reduced to a certainty, that it cannot exceed much, if any, fifty thousand dollars. This edifice has been admired by all who have seen it, as a model of neat and even elegant; and, at the same time, of plain economical, and remarkably solid workmanship. When finished, it will be at once an honour and a blessing to the church. The erection of it thus far has already nearly exhausted the funds hitherto collected—to finish it will require a vigorous exertion.—That this exertion will be made, and that it will be crowned with success, cannot for a moment be doubted. Our confidence in a happy result is unshaken. The tokens of Divine favour toward the Institution forbid us to fear. The hearts of men are in the hands of Zion's King; and the silver and the gold will not be withheld from a work, which we are persuaded he delights to prosper.

Although this "School of the Prophets" has existed but little more than five years; and although it has constantly laboured under serious disadvantages, from the want of funds, of a suitable library, and of other important accommodations; it has exhibited results of the most gratifying and animated kind. The students who have been in the Institution from its commencement, including those who now belong to it, amount to ninety-seven. Of

these, forty-seven have been licensed to preach the Gospel. Twenty-four are settled Pastors, some of them in congregations among the most important within our bounds; and the labours of several of them have been blessed with *special revivals* of religion. Twenty have been engaged, or are now engaged, in Missionary labours, or have accepted Missionary appointments. The labours of several of them on Missionary ground, have been signally owned and blessed by the Great Head of the church. Congregations in very important situations have been formed through the instrumentality of their labours:—And the pouring out of the Holy Spirit has, in several instances, remarkably followed them. The field of labour into which many of them have gone, or are going, is exceedingly important. Through the last year the students of the Seminary have been actively engaged on Missionary ground in the states of New-York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio and Indiana, and the Michigan and Illinois Territories—And appointments have now been accepted, in addition to other regions, for the Missouri Territory, the Mississippi Territory, and Mobile and the city of New Orleans.

The students have been actively and successfully engaged in the vicinity of the Seminary in promoting the interests of religion—And there is now existing among them, a “Society of Inquiry respecting Missions;” this society was instituted in the spring of 1814. It meets once a month. Its object is to store the minds of the students with knowledge on Missionary subjects, to ascertain the situation and wants of destitute regions of the world, and the best means of spreading the Gospel among them; and to enkindle and cherish the spirit of Missionaries in their own souls—It is especially to this institution, under God, that the Missionary spirit is to be ascribed, which has

lately been excited among the students of the Seminary, and which promises to be extensively useful to the Redeemer's Kingdom.

These facts speak a language in favour of the Seminary which cannot be mistaken. If any thing can animate its friends, and reconcile to its support those who have hitherto regarded it with aversion or indifference, it is the extensive benefits which it has already procured to the church. However Christians may differ as to the means of doing good, they must rejoice in all those efforts which promote the glory of God, and accomplish the designs of his grace, in the salvation of men. The claims of the Theological Seminary at Princeton do not rest on the *promises* of usefulness, but on the actual advantages which it has *furnished*. Already it has sent forth able and faithful labourers into the harvest; workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. The prayers of the church are answered. The borders of our country are pressed with the feet of Missionaries, who have been educated in this Institution. Sinners are now listening to the Gospel from lips that have drunk deeply at the fountain of sacred truth. The student has exchanged his place at the feet of his teachers, to engage in the active labours of the cross, and to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ. In various parts of the church, desolated by the death of the fathers, have risen the children; and it is a most gratifying circumstance, one which we consider as a peculiar manifestation of divine favour, that in some congregations, where the pastor was chosen from among the Students of our Seminary, there have been extensive revivals. In proportion as this Institution shall be known, it will gain on the affection of the churches. Its importance must be felt in every section of our community. It is a fountain which enjoys, it is believed, the favour and protection of Zion's King. His own right hand is throwing

into it the salt of grace, and its streams are already flowing to revive the desert. To protect it; to give it the full advantages of the cordial exertions and prayers of the church, are duties which the indications of Providence and palpable events have placed beyond the reach of doubt or question. It requires the prompt and prayerful aid of its friends. This is a season of deep interest to its welfare. Every day its importance and respectability are rising.—The hopes of its friends are more than realized. The practicability of its design is reduced to demonstration. We call upon our churches to contribute to its funds; to redeem their pledge; to give it all the ardour of their supplication, and so much of their substance as shall enable it to do all the good of which it is capable.

From what has been done we may anticipate what this institution is designed to do. It requires not the spirit of prophesy to foresee, that by its instrumentality, under the favour of God, the waste places of Zion will be rebuilt; sinners will be converted to Jesus; his children strengthened, comforted and confirmed. To this generation it is *vastly important*; to the next it is *STILL MORE SO*; and we cannot but believe that the millennial morn will be spread upon it, as upon the mountains; that it is one of the precursors of the season of righteousness, and many have a deep instrumentality in promoting its reign. This Institution cannot be suffered to languish without involving the character and interests of our church deeply and vitally. It was established with prayer. Its resources are in the hearts of the churches. Its income, and its prosperity, under God, must come from a spirit excited to do good, and that will “NOT BE WEARY IN WELL DOING.”

That the friends of this Institution may be the better able to judge of its wants, and of the various ways in which the wealthy and the pious may contribute to its

benefit, it is judged proper to exhibit, in detail, the following items, with a distinct explanation connected with each.



I. *The Support of the Professors.*

This is mentioned first, because it is the most vital and indispensable part of the whole. A Theological Seminary, without adequate Instructors, would, of course, be a name without a reality. And it is equally evident, that capable Instructors cannot be expected to quit other important stations, and devote themselves, for life, to this object, without some good prospect of a comfortable and permanent support. It has been a painful circumstance, both to the General Assembly, and to the Board of Directors, that the present Professors, with respect to this point, have had no other human dependence, than what was very precarious, and which has repeatedly threatened to fall utterly short of what was necessary for the payment of their salaries. It is earnestly desired that some permanent establishments might be formed for this purpose; in other words, that wealthy and pious individuals would *endow Professorships*; that is, give to the Trustees of the General Assembly a principal sum, *not less* than \$25,000, in each case, the annual interest of which might be devoted for ever to the support of a Professor. This has been done in some sister institutions, with a liberality which reflects the highest honour on a number of distinguished individuals. The names of *Hollis* and *Boylston*, of *Hancock*, *Hersey* and *Erving*, designating so many different Professorships in the University of *Cambridge*, in *Massachusetts*, have long been monuments of splendid munificence, and in will be transmitted with honour to the end of time: And

the Theological Seminary at *Andover*, the *Professorships* of *Christian Theology*, of *Sacred Rhetoric*, and of *Sacred Literature*, confer on the names of *Bartlett* and *Abbot*, of *Brown* and *Norris* an illustrious immortality.—Can the thought be admitted that there is less enlightened attachment to the Church of Christ, or less disposition to exercise munificence in the best of all causes, in the bosom of the Presbyterian Church, than among our Congregational Brethren of New-England? No, it cannot. We rather cherish the hope, that when the object is fairly presented, and the urgent necessities of the Institution whose cause we are pleading, are fully made known, there will also be found among us an amount of christian liberality, in some degree commensurate with the demand for its exercise.

It will be observed, that the Constitution of the Seminary provides, “That if any person or persons, not exceeding three, shall, by will, or during his or their lives, found or endow a Professorship, or Professorships, said Professorship, or Professorships, shall for ever afterwards be called and known by the name or names of those who founded or endowed them.”—As no Professorship, as yet, has thus been endowed, any one of the three mentioned in Section 1st, Article 3d, of the Constitution may be selected as the object of such endowment: But as the Professorship of *Oriental and Biblical Literature* is still vacant, for want of the means of supporting a third Professor, it would be conferring a peculiar favour on the Institution if *that* Professorship could be adequately endowed, as a third Professor is much needed.

The General Assembly of 1815, resolved, “That a sum *not less than twenty-five thousand dollars* should be considered as requisite to endow a Professorship.”

II. *The Support of Students.*

A number of the students belonging to the Seminary are unable to provide the means of their own support ; and unless these means were furnished from other sources, would be obliged to withdraw from the Institution, and from all the advantages which it affords. This generally has been, and is now the case, with about one third of the whole number. But after all that has been done in this way, many pious and promising young men in different parts of our church, who desired to come to the Seminary, have been prevented from enjoying the privilege, because no encouragement to hope for support could be held out to them ; and in some cases, it is feared the church has been altogether deprived of the services of precious youth, who might have adorned her ministry ; but who saw no door open for pursuing the studies necessary to qualify them for the sacred office.

It is of the utmost importance, then, that funds be furnished for the support of indigent students, or to afford a partial aid to those whose means are too scanty to furnish an entire support. Indeed the Seminary cannot be considered as accomplishing all that it is intended to accomplish, until it shall be able freely to open its doors to all the youth of piety and talents, who may desire the holy Ministry, whether in possession or destitute of the means of support, and gratuitously to afford them boarding, as well as tuition.

For this purpose, it will be observed, that the Constitution of the Seminary provides for the endowment of *Scholarships*, that is, devoting a principal sum, the interest of

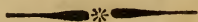
which shall be sacredly applied, for ever, to the support of an indigent student. These Scholarships, it is further provided, shall for ever bear the name of their founders respectively. Three Scholarships have been already founded by distinguished friends of the Seminary ; and it is earnestly hoped that their number will be increased. Can a christian of wealth and public spirit devote a portion of his property to a more interesting purpose ? To provide for the education of one minister of the gospel after another, in an unbroken succession, perhaps to the end of time, is surely one of the most desirable achievements of christian charity which a truly pious mind can contemplate : and this is to be done by so small a sum as twenty-five hundred dollars. To what other object can such a sum be appropriated, that will be likely so extensively to promote the glory of God, the good of souls, and the eternal reward of the pious donor ?

The General Assembly have determined that a sum *not less than two thousand five hundred dollars* shall be considered as requisite to endow a *Scholarship*.

The greater part, however, of the support which has been hitherto furnished to indigent students, has been derived from the contributions of *Female Cent Societies*, in different districts of our church. It is highly gratifying, and nothing more than justice, to state, that by the liberality of pious females, *sixteen students*, in the course of a single year, have been either in whole or in part, supported in the prosecution of their studies. It is very much to be wished, not only that the Societies already formed, may be maintained and extended, but also that new ones may be formed in those portions of the church, in which nothing of this kind has been done. A few pious females, by associating, and contributing annually two or three dollars each, may become the happy instruments of furn-

ishing funds which will nearly, if not entirely, carry through the Seminary, a youth, who may be long an eminent herald of the cross, and a means of blessing to thousands.

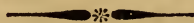
The funds furnished by the Female Cent Societies have been generally placed at the disposal of the Professors, who deposit them in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Directors, subject to their drafts: and of the manner in which they are appropriated, an exact report is annually made by the Professors to the Board of Directors, and an account of the monies received from the several Cent Societies, published in the annual report of the Board, for the information of the Churches.



III. *The Purchase of an adequate Library.*

A good library is an article of the first necessity in a Theological Seminary. Without it, students are subjected to privations and embarrassments of the most serious kind, at every step of their course. The Library at present possessed by the Seminary is very small and imperfect. It contains comparatively few of the books which are most important to the Theological students. And of the few valuable ones which it does contain, there are, in most cases, only *single copies*; whereas with respect to a number of books, it is highly desirable, and almost indispensable, that there should be a considerable number of copies. The friends of the Seminary in every part of the United States are respectfully informed, that donations in books, of almost every kind, will be gratefully received; but that the Institution *especially* needs

works on *Biblical Criticism*, both Hebrew and Greek, approved *Lexicons*, works on *Systematic Theology*, in all languages, works on *Ecclesiastical History* and *Church Government*; and, in short, all those books which are more immediately connected with the actual studies of the Institution. But, besides donations in books, any friend of the Seminary disposed to contribute to its funds, may, if he think proper, direct that, whatever he shall contribute, shall be devoted to the increase of the Library.



IV. *The necessary Buildings for the Use of the Seminary.*

The present state and the urgent demands of the principal public Edifice, for the accommodation of the Students, were before represented. It will probably, in a few weeks, be in a situation, with some crowding and inconvenience, to serve the purposes of the Institution, during the ensuing session. But a variety of circumstances render it highly desirable that the whole of it should be finished as soon as funds can be obtained for the purpose, especially as there appears to be a prospect that the whole of it will, at an early period, be wanted.

Such is the state, and such are the claims and the wants of an Institution which, it is presumed, is second to none in importance to the American Church. For its support we have no human dependence but the liberality of the wealthy and pious. Whether it shall proceed with vigour and effect, or with langour and comparative inutility, depends, under God, on the patronage it shall receive. We call, then, on the friends of religion, to consider the importance, and the critical situation of the object which we present to their view. You acknowledge that *you are not*

your own, but that you are bought with a price, and are bound to glorify God in your bodies and spirits which are his. If it be so, your silver and your gold are the Lord's; and you are under obligations to employ them, in such a manner as will most effectually promote the glory of Him by whose bounty they were given you. With this great principle in view, consider the pressing calls of large and flourishing churches, who solicit in vain for Ministers to break to them the bread of life. Consider the necessities of many pious and ingenuous youth, who are at present either discouraged from making the attempt to gain an education for the ministry; or going forth very imperfectly qualified for their arduous work. Consider the honour of the church with which you are connected; the interests of religion for which you profess to feel; the infinite value of immortal souls who are perishing for lack of knowledge; the authority of that God who commands you to compassionate them. And we entreat you to reflect on what will probably be your feelings and wishes in regard to the disposition of any property of which God has made you stewards, at that solemn period when you shall appear with an assembled universe, at the tribunal of the great Judge of quick and dead.—We entreat you to reflect on these things; and then say, whether you can consent to withhold a portion of your substance, when called upon to aid in one of the most important concerns ever presented to your consideration.

The following are legal forms of a bequest of personal property, and a devise of real estate to the Theological Seminary, viz.

IN CASES OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of

*America, and to their Successors and Assigns, the sum of
or shares in the Bank of*

*(or any other personal property, as the case may be) to be
applied to the use of the Theological Seminary of said
Church, and now located at Princeton, in the state of New-
Jersey; or, to the support of students in indigent circum-
stances in said Seminary; or, to such other uses as the tes-
tator may think proper to express.*

IN CASES OF REAL ESTATE.

*I give and devise to the Trustees, &c. (as above) all that
tract or lot of land or tenement, messuage or other real es-
tate, (as the case may be) situate in, &c. for the use, &c.
(as above.)*

The above forms may be used by a testator residing in
the state of Pennsylvania, where the Trustees of the Gen-
eral Assembly have been incorporated; but in the other
states of the union the following forms are recommended,
viz:

IN CASES OF REAL ESTATE.

I give and devise unto A, B, & C, and the survivors and
survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivor, (describe
the real estate,) for the use of, and in trust for, the direc-
tors of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church
of the United States, now located at Princeton, in the state
of New-Jersey.*

IN CASES OF PERSONAL ESTATE.

*I give and bequeath, (as above, excepting instead of "the
"heirs of such survivor," say,) the executors, administra-
tors and assigns of such survivor.*

* The testator may appoint but one or two trustees, if he thinks
proper.

The Professors of the Seminary are :

Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D. Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology.

Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D. Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.

Three Scholarships have been founded, viz.

The _____ Scholarship, } Both founded by an un-
 The _____ Scholarship, } known individual N. York.
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REPORT
OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DEVISE
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WITH
A CIRCULAR LETTER

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THE COMMITTEE, appointed to devise ways and means of raising Funds for the **THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**, reported; and their Report being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz :—

Resolved, 1st. *That it be again earnestly recommended to the Minister and Session of each Congregation under the care of the General Assembly, to establish without delay a Dollar Society, for the term of five years, in aid of the contingent fund of the Seminary.*

2d. *That, for the purpose of creating a Permanent Fund for the Theological Seminary, two sets of Subscription Papers be sent down to each Minister and Session; that the first be headed in the following words, viz :—“ We whose names are hereunto annexed, promise each to pay to _____, for the Permanent Fund of the Theological Seminary of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the sum of One Hundred Dollars, in five annual instalments :”—That the heading of the second be varied from the first, by the insertion of Fifty Dollars, instead of One Hundred; and that of the fund thus raised, the interest only shall ever be appropriated for the uses of the Seminary.**

3d. *That Agents be appointed to solicit Donations and Subscriptions, in those Congregations which have not yet been visited by any Agent; and that the monies thus procured be placed in the Contingent or Permanent Fund, as the Donors and Subscribers may direct.*

4th. *That the two-fold application to Ministers and Sessions, mentioned in the preceding resolutions, be accompanied with a letter, which has been prepared on the subject: and it is earnestly recommended, that this letter be read from the pulpit, in the several Congregations, under the care of the Assembly.*

The letter was read by paragraphs, and being amended, was adopted.

* Papers will be prepared and forwarded with the extracts: but if any shall wish to commence the subscription immediately, it will be easy for them to prepare these papers.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

FEEL it an imperative duty to address the churches under their care, upon a subject of vital importance to their present and future interests. They therefore solicit a dispassionate and impartial attention, by all who profess to be in their connexion, to the claim which they now present upon their christian liberality, and their attachment to the doctrines and government of the Presbyterian church. They desire to have their own hearts deeply affected, and hope that the hearts of their brethren in the common salvation, will be equally affected with the solemn consideration, that this address and the manner in which it will be received and improved, shall both pass in review for eternal approbation or disapprobation, when the Redeemer shall come to judge both the quick and the dead.

It is well known to you, brethren, that in the year 1811, under our auspices the Theological Seminary was established, and in 1813, located in the borough of Princeton, in the state of New Jersey.

As much publicity as was practicable, was given to the constitution of this seminary, that none of you might be left in ignorance concerning its nature.

Our object was to make provision for the education of young men for the gospel ministry, so that you might be supplied with teachers properly qualified to discharge the duties of the pastoral office.

The importance of such an object cannot but powerfully impress your hearts. The care of souls is no ordinary employment, and requires no ordinary qualifications for accomplishing its great design. On the right discharge of its diversified duties, depend not merely temporal, but eternal *issues*. Under the awful weight of its responsibility, the apostle of the Gentiles himself was constrained to exclaim, "Who is sufficient for these things?" Were it not for the promise of Divine assistance, no conscientious person could be found so daring as to undertake it. But though the promise has been given by Him who is faithful and cannot lie, yet he requires on our part suitable preparation for the work entrusted to feeble, erring, sinful men. "No one taketh this honor to himself, but he that is called of God." He who is

not united to the Saviour by a living faith, ventures upon a fearful experiment, which, if not overruled, will terminate in his ruin forever. We deprecate the curse of an unregenerate, unsanctified ministry, in any of our churches. We have endeavoured, so far as is practicable, to prevent such persons going forth from our seminary. But if notwithstanding all our wishes and care, some do go forth of this description, the Presbyteries have it in their power to shut the door to their admission. Every precaution which human wisdom can devise, has been adopted to secure to our Churches pious Ministers.

Piety, however, Brethren, is not the sole qualification of a gospel ministry. The glorious Head of the Church, when he "gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ;" saw fit to endow them with the extraordinary, as well as ordinary, gifts of the Holy Spirit. The mere fact of their being renewed and sanctified was not deemed sufficient by him. He superadded other qualifications; and in doing this has afforded a model for the imitation of the Church, throughout the whole of the period which, following the age of extraordinary gifts, shall terminate with the destruction of the world. We wish it therefore to be understood distinctly, as *an unquestionable truth*, that piety alone is not sufficient to constitute "the workman of God, who needeth not to be ashamed." Something more is requisite; and to this point we solicit your particular attention. Such attention is the more desirable—nay, we hesitate not to say, is especially your duty at this time; because a contrary sentiment is manifested, and no feeble exertions made in different parts of your country to give it currency and effect.

The apostle of the gentiles, in his epistles to Timothy and Titus, has described with minuteness of detail, the qualifications of a gospel minister. Among these we merely notice aptness to teach, or natural talents fitting persons for this work, sufficient experience in the profession of godliness, that they might not be novices, and the necessity of understanding the meaning, connexion, import, and use of the Holy Scriptures.

The Holy Scriptures, as we have them in our use, are translated from the original languages in which they were written. They contain allusions to customs strange to us, but throwing light upon many important subjects, which, without the knowledge of these customs, are involved in obscurity;—appeals to modes of thinking upon other equally important subjects, which entirely lose their force if we remain ignorant of them;—references to the arts and sciences then known; to the philosophy of the human mind, accurately understood and described by the Holy Spirit; to the geography, history, biography, and chronology, of the day in which the writings were penned: with all of which particulars he who undertakes to expound and apply the Scriptures, ought to be familiar. Such is the wide range of subjects which the scriptures unfold to us, that it includes every thing which interests us in the various relations of life. The man of God ought therefore to

be thoroughly furnished unto all good works, in reference to the exercise of his intellectual, and of his moral powers. He ought to be prepared to encounter the sceptic—to satisfy the honest enquirer after truth—to silence the disputer of this world—to confirm the wavering, and to establish the saint. To accomplish all these important objects, he ought to be a man of profound learning, as well as of fervent piety. For let it be remembered, that it is not sufficient for him to be instrumental in converting sinners; he must also be able to build them up in the most holy faith of God's word. If all Scripture is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, the minister of the gospel ought to understand it thoroughly, that he may use it for these various purposes. But how can he do this, if he be ignorant of the subjects which the scriptures present to our understandings for examination and approbation, as well as to our hearts for their reception and love? A pious, but unlearned ministry, may produce great excitement in the affections of the heart, but furnishes little matter for the improvement of the understanding. Hence, the people committed to their care, will remain children, unskilful in the word of righteousness, and unable to go on to perfection. They will exhibit a very imperfect specimen of that *intelligently holy walk and conversation*, which becomes their character, as followers of him who is the prophet of the covenant, as well as its priest and king.

We will not enlarge on this subject, but only refer to your serious and unbiassed deliberation, the model of the Apostle of the Gentiles. He was learned above his cotemporaries; having been taught at the feet of Gamaliel, and enjoyed all the advantages of the schools of Tarsus, his birth place. His writings contain quotations from celebrated Pagan authors; are replete with arguments drawn from the positions of the enemies of Christianity; exhibit uncommon powers of intellect in the arrangement and application of truth; unfold specimens of the highest and most finished eloquence; the eloquence of sound sense, profound erudition, logical reasoning; admirable knowledge of the human heart; intimate acquaintance with the plan of redemption, and irresistible appeals to the consciences of sinful men. Upon this model Calvin, Owen, Edwards, and men of the like stamp, were formed; who have done more for the illustration and defence of the common salvation, than hosts of unlettered, though pious, ministers. The fruits of the ministry of the former have been solid, substantial, imperishable; those of the latter, transient and fading, because disappearing with the immediate monuments of their labour of love and work of faith. We give to the latter full honor, and cheerfully add our testimony to their worth and usefulness: but we cannot forget, and we pray you not to forget, that the materials for producing worth and usefulness in the latter were furnished by the former. Whilst therefore we give to the latter the just mead of admiration and respect, let us with one accord, render a just tribute of applause to the former. We rejoice that there are multitudes of the latter in the Gospel vineyard, and thank God for them. Let us endeavor to excite the high, and holy

spirit of emulation among our young men preparing for the Gospel ministry, to reach towards the mark of the prize which the former attained. Why should we not in our day, and in our land, aim at producing men of equal eminence, whose names will go down to posterity with their names, and whose Christian fame shall be eternized in the annals of the world to come? To be satisfied with low attainments in the divine life, is an evidence of a spiritual frame sickly and declining. Thus, when churches remain quiet and contented under a feeble and ignorant ministry, when they have the means within their reach to enjoy an efficient and learned ministry, proves more than volumes can contain, that they are either ignorant of their best interests, or indifferent to the *ascension-gifts* of the glorious Redeemer. Of you, men and brethren, this never yet has been said; and we trust, you never will suffer it to be said. Your fathers, the founders of our church, struggling amidst all the difficulties which harassed them in the then new world, provided so far as they could for a learned, as well as a pious ministry. How well they succeeded, the names of Dickinson, Burr, Edwards, Davies, Finley, and others; *names* that have stamped imperishable renown upon the Presbyterian Church in this land do shew. To these we add Witherspoon, who, though neither born nor educated in America, afforded a decisive proof of the benefits resulting from a learned ministry; and largely contributed in supplying our churches with pastors eminently furnished with acquirements, as well as talents and piety, for extensive usefulness. And shall we not emulate their example? With our increased advantages, shall we tamely relinquish the pursuit of the same prize? No; never!

Our brethren of the Eastern, of the Reformed Dutch, and the Associate Reformed, churches, have set us the laudable example of concentrating their exertions to one common point. Though last, not least, we have followed the example, and are emulating them in the noble work of training up men, not to become victors in the ungodly strife of nations, but in the holy warfare which the seed of the woman is carrying on against the seed of the serpent. We wish to bring talents, and erudition connected with fervent piety into the service of the Captain of our salvation.

To effect this purpose, a seminary like ours, and those of sister churches, is the best calculated. The benefits of public instruction we conceive to be incomparably superior to those of private instruction. He who is a pastor, and has to discharge the duties of his office, assuredly cannot pay that attention to the young student, which he can do who devotes himself exclusively to the work of instruction. And where two or three persons are employed in this work, the advantages are greatly increased. On this subject we have facts in proof of the correctness of our position. Waving any reference to the other seminaries, already have the fruits of *our* labor of love and work of faith appeared—fruits which speak loudly the praise of your liberality, and redound to the glory of God, who has disposed you to the exercise of this liberality. The young men who have gone forth from our seminary, are lifting up their voices in our cities, and proclaim-

ing the glad tidings in solitary places. With these fruits before our eyes, the example of our fathers left us for imitation, the exertions of our brethren around us—shall we desist, or grow faint and weary? It cannot be!

PRESBYTERIANS OF THESE UNITED STATES, your christian honor—your best interests are at stake.

We aim at great things, but they are things pertaining to the Kingdom of the Redeemer amongst us. To accomplish these things, we need your aid. It is for you, your families, your children, that we are engaged. We desire to pour into your churches, in continued succession, the streams of life to make glad your hearts and the hearts of your children. We wish to supply you, from time to time, with workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Without your aid we cannot effect this great and desirable object. But upon *that aid* we confidently rely. Your Presbyteries have guaranteed to them the right of examining the young men for licencesure, so that no fear need be entertained concerning the liberties of these judicatories. The seminary is open for all your young men that can be supported.—They are educated not for us, but for yourselves—They are your own property, subject to your own controul. We interfere not with any of your privileges, but desire to contribute to their preservation.

We need funds for the support of the professors, and of the pious youth in indigent circumstances, who have devoted themselves to the Lord, in the ministry of the Gospel, and also for completing the buildings which have been commenced for the accommodation of the students. These buildings are necessary to accomplish the plan of their education. They must, without such buildings, be scattered in different families. The evils arising from this cause, you cannot but perceive. We want them to be associated under one roof, that they may constitute one christian community; have the advantage of social intercourse, and experience the incitement to devotional feelings, which such intercourse will afford them; that they may have the use of lecture rooms, favourable to deriving the full benefit of the lectures daily delivered by the professors; that they may possess an apartment favourable to the arrangement and use of the library belonging to the seminary; and that, by living upon commons, or dieting at a table provided expressly for the common use of all the pupils, the expense of board may be as much as possible reduced, as well as that the whole expense of room rent may be saved. They will thus be daily under the eyes of the professors, and not merely when reciting.—They will also be saved from that waste of time, which the interruptions from the families where they board, inevitably produce.—They will go forth as members of the same family, as well as the same institution, and cherish through life the feelings and affections of brethren.

Such, men and brethren, are the objects which we aim to accomplish. We now put in the claim of your Master and our Master, for

some portion of that wordly substance which he has given you. He honors you by the call, making you fellow workers with him in promoting the interests of his kingdom. Think of the good which you may thus be instrumental in doing! On your behalf the prayers of them who were ready to perish, will ascend to the Throne of Grace, that God would bless and reward you. Generations yet unborn will rise and bless your memory, for having founded an institution whence shall have gone forth men whose labors have been blessed to their salvation.

Unite, then, Brethren, in the noble enterprize of erecting a monument to the glory of God and the salvation of men. And may HE, who has the keys of death and hell, be your portion here, and your salvation hereafter, throughout eternal ages.

Signed by order of the General Assembly,

JAMES BLYTHE, Moderator.

Philadelphia, May, 1816.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

OF THE

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

OF THE

Presbyterian Church in the United States.

THE subject of founding a THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, was first introduced in the General Assembly, May 1809, and sent down to the presbyteries for their consideration and opinions.

At the meeting of the Assembly of the next year, 1810, the opinions of the Presbyteries on this subject were so far received, that the Assembly felt themselves warranted to proceed in the business, and to determine upon the establishment of a Theological Seminary. Their resolution on this subject, is in the words following, viz.----
“ That the General Assembly will, in the name
“ of the Great Head of the Church, immediately
“ attempt to establish a Seminary for securing
“ to candidates for the ministry, more extensive
“ and efficient theological instruction than they
“ have heretofore enjoyed.”

At the meeting of the next Assembly, 1811, a constitution for the Seminary was adopted.---- This constitution has been for some years before the public. It admits into the Seminary, only such students as bring satisfactory testimonials of piety and talents ; and have passed through a regular course of academical study. It places the Seminary under the care and direction of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. This body is to be considered at all times as its patron and the fountain of its powers, and appoints its Professors and Directors. The more immediate inspection and conducting of the institution, are committed to a Board of Directors, consisting of twenty-one

ministers and nine ruling elders, who are chosen by the Assembly, and continue in office three years. This Board are required to report all their proceedings annually to the Assembly. The Assembly have the entire controul of the funds of the institution----and the Board of Directors can draw no money from the funds, but by an appropriation and order of the Assembly----and they are required to report from year to year in detail, all the items of the expenditures of the preceding year.

At the meeting of the next Assembly, May 1812, Princeton in New-Jersey, was fixed on as the site of the Seminary. A Board of Directors was elected, and the Rev. Dr. Archibald Alexander was appointed Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology. On the last Tuesday of June following, the Board of Directors held their first meeting. On the 12th day of August of the same year, the Board of Directors met again, and Dr. Alexander was solemnly inaugurated, and entered on the duties of his office. The number of students at the opening of the institution, was three.

At the meeting of the Assembly in May, 1813, the number of students was eight. By this Assembly the Rev. Dr. Samuel Miller was elected Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government, and was inaugurated by the Board of Directors on the 29th day of September following. The number of students at the close of this session, was thirteen.

At the close of the next session, May 1814, the number of pupils was nineteen. In September following, the number was twenty-five. In the winter session, the number increased to thirty six; and the last summer session, it was thirty-two. During this session, the students of the first class were licensed by the Presbyteries to which they respectively belonged,* and left the

* When the students have finished their course in the Seminary, they are always remitted to the Presbyteries

Seminary. The winter session has lately commenced, and the present number of students is forty-three.

At their meeting in May last, the Assembly, after mature deliberation, adopted the following resolution, viz.

Resolved, That the Assembly do hereby authorize the Board of Directors to proceed, without delay, in purchasing materials for the erection of a principal edifice for the accommodation of the Theological Seminary, on such plan as they may think proper; and to lay the foundation of said edifice during the present year."

Agreeably to this resolution of the Assembly, the Board of Directors have, through the last summer, been preparing to commence the principal edifice for the Seminary, and did, on the 26th day of September last, lay the corner stone of said building.

This building is to be of stone---length 150 feet---breadth 50---height 4 stories, including the basement story. The estimated cost to complete it, 47,000 dollars. It is intended to be finished in the plainest style. The plan of the Directors is to get the roof on the next summer, and then take time to finish the several parts of the building as they may be wanted, and as the funds may permit. This building is to contain all the public rooms of the institution, as the refectory or dining room, kitchen, library room and lecture rooms. The rest of the building is to be made into lodging rooms for the students, and will, it is calculated, accommodate one hundred students; a number which we have every reason to hope, from the increasing extent and population of our church, and from the recent revivals of religion in our academies and colleges, will, at no distant period, belong to the institution.

to which they belong, for trial and licensure; so that the Presbyteries retain the whole power of judging of their fitness to preach the gospel, and licensing them or not, as they may judge proper.

The Directors congratulate the religious public on the success of this institution. It had many difficulties to struggle with in its commencement, from the embarrassments of our country in the late war; but it has been supported and has rapidly risen "in troublous times," and has thus far answered, and even exceeded, the most sanguine expectations of its warmest friends; and promises, if suitably patronized, to be a rich and lasting blessing to the church. As far as application has been made to the churches, a liberality has been manifested, which induces a belief that eventually sufficient funds will be obtained, permanently to establish and support it. Much has already been done by subscription, and a few bequests have been made. The amount which has been received into the treasury, and invested in productive funds, though very far from what is sufficient to support the institution, we consider as an earnest of what is yet to come from other parts of our church, and from the bequests which may from time to time be made by the wealthy, pious and liberal.

The public will readily perceive that a large capital will be necessary to support this institution, when it is considered that besides the expence of erecting buildings, and necessary incidental expences, the Professors' salaries are also to be paid out of the funds. It has moreover been a leading design of the institution, from its commencement, to afford aid to such students as may be unable to support themselves; and most of those who have been in the institution since its commencement, have been of this description. The funds of the Seminary, however, have hitherto allowed but very little to be appropriated to their aid.

This deficiency in the funds of the Seminary, has as yet been generously supplied by associations of benevolent females, who by giving, some two cents, and some one cent a day, and some only a cent a week, have afforded an im-

portant assistance to the students, without which there was no probability that many of them would have been supported in the Seminary.---- No less than sixteen students were supported in the last year either in whole or in part by these associations----none of whom could probably have continued, but from this timely aid.---- And the Professors in their report of this generosity to the Board, added, "notwithstanding the "liberality of these associations, the aggregate "amount has been insufficient to meet the de- "mands made upon it; and the Professors of "the Seminary have been obliged to decline "receiving several young men of hopeful piety "and promising talents, under the apprehension "that the funds were not adequate to their sup- "port."

The following is an account of the different associations which have been formed for the above object, together with the sums which they have forwarded, viz.

1st.	Female Cent Society of Philadelphia,	\$760 00
2d.	do. do. do.	181 25
3d.	do. do. do.	150 00
	Female Cent Society of Princeton,	430 11
	do. of Elizabeth-Town, N. J.	223 50
	do. of the 2d Pres. Church, Newark, N. J.	255 17
	do. of Rutgers St. Ch. N. Y.	42 00
	do. of the Brick Ch. N. Y.	660 45
	do. of Wall St. Ch. N. Y.	75 00
	do. of Newburgh, N. Y.	91 70
	do. of Montgomery, N. Y.	153 00
	do. of Pleasant Valley, N. Y.	30 00
	do. of Marlborough, N. Y.	26 00
	do. of Goshen, N. Y.	60 00
	do. of Hopewell, N. Y.	26 00
	do. of New-Windsor, N. Y.	54 00
	do. of Bridgetown, CUMB. N. J.	37 50
	Female Society of Cedar Street Church, N. Y.	728 39½
	Female Association of the 1st Pres. Church, Newark, N. J.	220 00
	Mite Society, N. Y.	390 00
	do. of Wilmington, DEL.	160 00

Female Benevolent Society of Springfield, N. J.	41 31
A number of Ladies in Philadelphia,	70 00

In addition to the above, information has been received of the formation of a Female Cent Society, for the same object, at Lexington, Kentucky, consisting of Ladies in Lexington and the neighbouring town of Paris, which has appropriated to the support of two Students in the Seminary \$267:90; and also of another, within a few weeks, at Morristown, N. J. And it is earnestly hoped that many other similar Associations, for the same object, may be formed by benevolent Females in other parts of our Church, as the necessities of the Fund for the support of Theological Students are at present very pressing.

In the Constitution, or plan of the Seminary, is the following section: "The intention and direction of testators or donors, in regard to money or other property, left or given to the Seminary, shall at all times be sacredly regarded. And if any individual, or any number of individuals, not greater than three, shall, by will, or during his or their lives, found or endow a Professorship or Professorships, a Scholarship or Scholarships, or a fund or funds, destined to special purposes, said Professorships, Scholarships, or funds, shall for ever afterwards be called or known by the name or names of those who founded or endowed them."

The last General Assembly, resolved, That a sum not less than *twenty five thousand dollars* should be considered as requisite to endow a Professorship, and a sum not less than *two thousand five hundred dollars* to endow a Scholarship.

If any person or persons, not exceeding three, shall give or bequeath twenty-five thousand dollars for the endowment of a Professorship, for instance, of Biblical Criticism, and Oriental Languages, such Professorship is, for ever, to bear the name or names of the founder or founders; and the interest of the sum thus given or bequeathed is for ever, to be applied to pay the salary of the Professor, in those branches. In like

manner if any person or persons not exceeding three, shall give or bequeath two thousand five hundred dollars for the establishment of a Scholarship, such Scholarship shall for ever bear his or their names; and the interest of the sum thus given or bequeathed, is for ever to be applied to the support of an indigent Theological Student in the Seminary.)

The following are legal Forms of a Bequest of personal Property, and a Devise of real Estate to the Theological Seminary, viz.

IN CASES OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and to their Successors and Assigns, the Sum of
or, Shares in the Bank of, (or any other personal property, as the case may be) to be applied to the Use of the Theological Seminary of said Church, and now located at Princeton in the State of New-Jersey; or, to the Support of Students in indigent circumstances in said Seminary; or, to such other uses as the Testator may think proper to express.

IN CASES OF REAL ESTATE.

I give and devise to the Trustees, &c. (as above) all that Tract or Lot of Land or Tenement, Messuage or other real Estate, as the case may be, situate in, &c. for the Use of, &c. (as above.)

The above Forms may be used by a Testator residing in the State of Pennsylvania, where the Trustees of the General Assembly have been incorporated; but in the other States of the Union the following Forms are recommended, viz.

IN CASES OF REAL ESTATE.

I give and devise unto A, B, & C, and the Survivors and Survivor of them, and the Heirs of such Survivor, (describe the real estate,) for the Use of, and in Trust for, the Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, now located at Princeton in the State of New-Jersey.*

IN CASES OF PERSONAL ESTATE.

I give and bequeath (as above, excepting instead of "the heirs of such survivors," say,) the Executors, Administrators and Assigns of such Survivor.

* The Testator may appoint but one or two Trustees if he thinks proper

THE PROFESSORS OF THE SEMINARY ARE,

Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D. Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology.

Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D. Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.

The present Directors of the Seminary, elected by the last Assembly, are the following, viz.

MINISTERS.

Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D. Princeton, N. J. President,
John Woodhull, D. D. Freehold, N. J. Vice-President.

John McDowell, Elizabeth-Town, N. J. Secretary.
William Neill, D. D. Albany.

James Richards, D. D. Newark, N. J.

John B. Romeyn, D. D. New-York.

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Samuel Blatchford, D. D. Lansingburgh, N. Y.

James Hall, D. D. Statesville, N. C.

Francis Herron, Pittsburgh, Pen.

Asa Hillyer, Orange, N. J.

Jonathan Freeman, Bridgetown, Cum. N. J.

Henry Dwight, Utica, N. Y.

James Inglis, D. D. Baltimore,

James Blythe, D. D. Lexington, Ken.

John Chester, Albany.

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Samuel Bayard, Esq. Princeton, N. J.

Mr. William Haslett, Philadelphia.

Mr. Divie Bethune, New-York.

Mr. Robert Lenox, do.

Col. John Neilson, New-Brunswick, N. J.

Dr. John Van Cleve, Princeton, N. J.

Mr. Zechariah Lewis, New-York.

Signed by order of the Board of Directors,

ASHBEL GREEN, *Pres.*

JOHN McDOWELL, *Sec'y.*

Jan. 1, 1816.

FOURTH REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
Princeton THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY;
TO THE
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OF
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

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FOURTH REPORT, &c.



*The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary,
beg leave to present to the General Assembly
the following, as the report of their pro-
ceedings through the last year, viz:*

Immediately after their election, they met, and appointed the Rev. Dr. Ashbel Green, President, the Rev. Dr. John Woodhull, Vice President, and the Rev. John M'Dowell, Secretary of the Board.

The number of students in the Seminary at the date of the last report was thirty-two. During the Summer Session the four following additional students were received, viz:

Thomas Alexander, of North Carolina, and a licentiate of the Presbytery of Concord.

Eleazer S. Barrows, graduate of Middlebury College, and a licentiate of the Presbytery of Orange.

Robert H. James, graduate of the University of South Carolina, and

Nicholas Patterson, graduate of the college of New Jersey.

Of the students reported as in the seminary at the date of the last report, Mr. Blatchford, Mr. Parmele and Mr. Stanton, on account of their engagements, and Mr. Camp on account of ill health did not return after the vacation; so that the number of students in the Seminary at the close of the summer session was thirty-two. During this session two of the students were licensed to preach the Gospel, viz: Halsey Wood by the Presbytery of Albany, and John Cruikshauks by the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

During the winter session fifteen additional students were received, viz :

Samuel L. Graham,	graduate of Washington College,	Vir.
Thomas S. Biggs	-	New Jersey.
Charles S. Stewart	-	do.
Karand K. Rodgers	-	do.
Benjamin I. Lowe	-	do.
Isaac W. Platt	-	do.
Benjamin W. Richards	-	do.
Symmes S. Henry	-	do.
Levin I. Gillis	-	do.
Sylvester Larned	-	Middlebury.
Reuben Post	-	do.
Gideon N. Judd	-	Union.
Gilbert Morgan	-	do.
Isaac Keller	-	Washington, Penn.
Salmon Strong	-	Williams.

Of the students in the Seminary at the close of the Summer Session, none of the first class returned except Jacob Green, who staid but a short time. Of the other classes Samuel S. Davis, who had accepted an office in Union College did not return. Mr. Camp who was absent during the former Session, returned early in this Session and resumed his studies. In the course of the Winter Session seven students left the Seminary, viz :

Mr. Alexander, Mr. Gale, Mr. Richards, and Mr. Keller on account of ill health, and Mr. Swift, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Monteith, to enter on missionary service. So that the whole number of students, now in the Seminary is *thirty-three*.

During the Winter Session the following students were licensed to preach the Gospel, viz :

Backus Wilbur, and Ashbel G. Fairchild by the Presbytery of Jersey ; John Monteith, John T. Edgar, Wells Andrews, Elisha P. Swift, and Jehiel Talmage, by the Presbytery of New Brunswick ; Thomas C. Henry, by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and John Ross by an Association of Connecticut.

And through the year the following students having finished the course prescribed in the Plan have received certificates from the Professor of their having finished the regular course, viz :

John Covert Junr. Henry R. Weed, Halsey Wood, and Leveret I. F. Huntington.

The studies which have been attended to through the year by each class are the following, viz :

The *First* class, which completed its course in the Fall, have attended to the Pastoral care and the composition and delivery of a Sermon ; the class which in the Fall became the *First*, to Didactic and Polemic Theology, Ecclesiastical History, and

Church Government: The *Second* class to the Scriptures in the English translation, Biblical History, the Original Languages of Scripture, Dr. Campbell's Dissertations, Didactic Theology, Ecclesiastical History, and Sacred Geography; and the *Third* class, which was formed at the commencement of the Winter Session to the Hebrew Language, Sacred Chronology, Biblical History, Sacred Geography, and Jewish Antiquities.

The students according to the report of the Professors, continue to be diligent in their studies, orderly in their deportment, exemplary in their religious character, and zealous in their endeavours to be useful.

At the close of each of the Sessions through the year the Board attended to a careful examination of the students in which they received entire satisfaction.

On the subject of female societies for the support of necessitous students in the Seminary the Board are happy to report, that they have been informed by the Professors that the following sums have been forwarded for this object, viz:

1st	Female Cent Society of Philadelphia	-	\$ 260 00
	do.	-	Pleasant Valley (N. Y.) 30 00
	do.	-	Princeton - 81 88
	do.	-	Marlborough (N. Y.) 26 00
2d	do.	-	Newark - 66 65
	do.	-	Newburgh - 61 70
	do.	-	Bridgetown (W. J.) 37 50
2d	do.	-	Philadelphia - 50 00
	do.	-	Goshen - 130 00
	do.	-	New Windsor - 54 00
	do.	-	Elizabeth Town - 21 38
	do.	-	Hopewell (N. Y.) - 26 00
1st	do.	-	Newark - 127 00
	do.	-	Montgomery (N. Y.) 140 00
	do.	-	Morris Town - 50 00
2d	do.	-	Wall St. Ch. N. York 95 00
	Female Society of Cedar St. Ch. N. Y.	-	388 00
	Female Mite Society of New York	-	255 00
	do. Wilmington	-	79 00
	Female Benevolent Society of Springfield (N. J.)	-	21 00
	Cong. and Pres. Association of Charleston (S. C.)	-	107 00
	Presbytery of Hudson	-	90 00
	Ladies in Philadelphia per Miss Sproat	-	70 00
	Ladies in Hunterdon (N. J.) per Mrs. Wynkoop	-	51 50

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A number of valuable books have been added to the Library through the year past. One hundred and three volumes have

been purchased, besides sixty copies of the first and second numbers of the Hebrew Bible, publishing by Whiting and Watson, New York: and forty-three volumes have been presented.

Agreeably to the direction of the Assembly, the Board have through the year been making progress, in the erection of the principal edifice for the Theological Seminary. They early appointed a committee of Building, consisting of the following Directors, viz :

Rev. Dr. Ashbel Green, Samuel Bayard, Esq. Dr. John Van Cleve, Robert Lenox, Esq. and Robert Ralston, Esq. who were to call to their aid the Professors of the Seminary. On the 25th day of September last the Corner Stone of the contemplated Building, was laid by the Board with religious solemnity. The building is to be of stone; length one hundred and fifty feet, breadth fifty, height four stories, including the basement story. The estimated cost to complete it is 47,000 dollars. This building is to contain all the public rooms of the Institution, as the Refectory or Dining-room, Kitchen, Library-room, and Lecture-rooms; the rest of the building is to be made into lodging-rooms for the students, and will, it is calculated accommodate about one hundred students. The walls of the building are now advanced to the first floor, the joist of which are part laid, and the rest ready to be laid. There are on the ground about seven hundred perch of stone, sixty thousand bricks, and about five hundred dollars worth of timber, all of which have been paid for. The work is progressing with activity, diligence and judgment. It is expected, the building well be got under cover the ensuing Autumn.

Of the 15,000 dollars appropriated by the last Assembly for the Building 6,401 dollars and 76 cents have been expended, leaving a balance of that appropriation unexpended of 8,598 dollars and 24 cents. It is estimated that 19,000 dollars in addition to the sum already expended will put the building under cover.

From the above statement the Assembly will readily perceive that vigorous exertions will be necessary to increase the funds without delay.

Of the 4,000 dollars, with the unexpended balance of the former year of 583 dollars and 96 cents, put at the disposal of the Board for the general purposes of the Institution, the following sums have been expended, viz :

For Professors Salaries	-	-	8 3150 00
For Books	-	-	377 50
For House rent for Professors	-	-	362 16
For Sundry incidental expences	-	-	153 30
Total			4042 96

Leaving a balance of 541 dollars of the appropriation unexpended, subject however to the payment of 530 dollars, due to one of the Professors for salary and house rent.

The Board have the pleasure to inform the Assembly, that through the year, there have been founded for the support of indigent students three Scholarships; two of them by an unknown individual in the city of New York, communicated by Mr Zechariah Lewis, and to take effect from November last, and the other by Robert Lenox, Esq. of the city of New York, to take effect from the present time.

The Board also with pleasure state, that the Professors have reported, that a spirit of serious enquiry and of zeal on the subject of missions appears to be gaining ground in the Seminary.

The Board beg leave to recommend to the Assembly, to put at their disposal, the interest which may accrue on the fund, for the support of indigent youth in this Seminary, that it may be appropriated agreeably to the wishes of the donors.

Signed by order of the Board,

ASHBEL GREEN, President.

JOHN M'DOWELL, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

The General Assembly of 1815, resolved, That a sum not less than *twenty-five thousand dollars* should be considered as requisite to endow a Professorship, and a sum not less than *two thousand five hundred dollars* to endow a Scholarship.

If any person or persons, not exceeding three, shall give or bequeath twenty-five thousand dollars for the endowment of a Professorship, for instance, of Biblical Criticism, and Oriental Languages, such Professorship is, for ever to bear the name or names of the founder or founders; and the interest of the sum thus given or bequeathed is for ever, to be applied to pay the salary of the Professor, in those branches. In like manner if any person or persons not exceeding three, shall give or bequeath two thousand five hundred dollars for the establishment of a Scholarship, such Scholarship shall for ever bear his or their names; and the interest of the sum thus given or bequeathed, is for ever to be applied to the support of an indigent Theological Student in the Seminary.

The following are legal Forms of a Bequest of personal property, and a Devise of real Estate to the Theological Seminary, viz :

IN CASES OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and to their Successors and Assigns, the sum of
or, shares in the Bank of,

(or any other personal property, as the case may be) to be applied to the use of the Theological Seminary of said Church, and now located at Princeton in the state of New Jersey ; or, to the support of students in indigent circumstances in said Seminary ; or, to such other uses as the Testator may think proper to express.

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I give and devise to the Trustees, &c. (as above) all that Tract or Lot of Land or Tenement, Messuage or other real Estate, as the case may be, situate in, &c. for the Use of, &c. (as above.)

The above Forms may be used by a Testator residing in the State of Pennsylvania, where the Trustees of the General Assembly have been incorporated ; but in the other States of the Union the following Forms are recommended, viz :

IN CASES OF REAL ESTATE.

I give and devise unto A, B, & C, and the survivors and survivor of them, and the Heirs of such survivor, (describe the real estate,) for the Use of, and in Trust for, the Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, now located at Princeton in the state of New Jersey.*

IN CASES OF PERSONAL ESTATE.

I give and bequeath (as above, excepting instead of "the heirs of such survivor," say,) the Executors, Administrators and Assigns of such Survivor.

Extract of a letter from the President of the Board in answer to a letter from Mr. Lewis, informing him of the first endowment of the first Scholarship.

"On this occasion I cannot forbear to express a wish that the pious people in our connexion were more fully aware, than I think they are, of the incalculable good, that may be done by endowing Scholarships in our Seminary. To provide for the education of one minister of the Gospel after another, in an unbroken succession perhaps to the end of time, is surely one of the most desirable achievements of christian charity, which a truly pious mind can contemplate ; and this is to be done by so small a sum as 2,500 dollars. To what other object can such a sum be appro-

* The Testator may appoint but one or two Trustees if he thinks proper. }

priated, that will be as likely so extensively to promote the glory of God, the good of souls and the eternal reward of the pious donor."

THE PROFESSORS OF THE SEMINARY ARE,

Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D. Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology.

Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D. Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.

The present Directors of the Seminary are the following, viz :

MINISTERS

Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D. Princeton, N. J. President.

John Woodhull, D. D. Freehold, N. J. Vice President.

John McDowell, Elizabeth Town, N. J. Secretary.

William Neill, D. D. Albany.

James Richards, D. D. Newark, N. J.

John B. Romeyn, D. D. New York.

Robert Finley, Baskingridge, N. J.

Jacob J. Janeway, D. D. Philadelphia.

Gardiner Spring, New York.

Andrew Flinn, D. D. Charleston, S. C.

David Comfort, Kingston, N. J.

John E. Latta, Christianna, Del.

Samuel Blatchford, D. D. Lansingburgh, N. Y.

James Hall, D. D. Statesville, N. C.

Francis Herron, Pittsburgh, Pen.

Eliphalet Nott, D. D. Shenectady, N. Y.

Asa Hillyer, Orange, N. J.

Jonathan Freeman, Bridgetown, Cum. N. J.

James Inglis, D. D. Baltimore.

James Blythe, D. D. Lexington, Ken.

John Chester, Albany.

RULING ELDERS.

Robert Ralston, Esq. Philadelphia.

Dr. John R. B. Rodgers, New York.

Samuel Bayard, Esq. Princeton, N. J.

Mr. William Haslett, Philadelphia.

Mr. Divie Bethune, New York.

Mr. Robert Lenox, do.

Dr. John Van Cleve, Princeton, N. J.

Mr. Zechariah Lewis, New York.

Joseph C. Hornblower, Esq. Newark, N. J.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Board of Directors of the THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church....Read, May 21, 1817.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, beg leave to present to the General Assembly, the following as the Report of their proceedings through the last year, viz.

THE number of students in the Seminary at the date of the last report was thirty-three.

During the summer session the eight following students were received, viz.

James C. Barnes, of Kentucky,
Otto S. Hoyt, graduate of Middlebury college, (Ver.)
Andrew W. Poage, Washington, (Penn.)
William D. Snodgrass, ditto.
William Moderwell, ditto.
Stephen Saunders, Nassau Hall, (N. J.)
Elias Harrison, ditto.
Robert Glenn, Transylvania, (Ken.)

In addition to these, Isaac Keller, who had left the Seminary on account of ill health, returned and resumed his studies.

Of the students reported in the Seminary by the last report, Jehiel Talmage, John T. Edgar, Silas Pratt, Salmon Strong, and Charles S. Stewart, did not return after the vacation. And during the summer the following students were dismissed at their own request, viz. Ashbel G. Fairchild, Phinehas Camp, Wells Andrews, and John Barnard, so that the number of students in the Seminary at the close of the summer session was thirty-one.

During the winter session twenty additional students were received, viz.

William Chester, graduate of Union College, (N. Y.)
Aaron D. Lane, ditto.
George S. Boardman, ditto.
Remembrance Chamberlaine, Middlebury, (Ver.)
Benjamin Gildersleeve, ditto. and a licentiate of the
Presbytery of Hopewell.

William Nevins, Yale, (Con.)
Thomas S. Wickes, ditto.
William B. Sprague, ditto.
Norris Bull, ditto.
Henry Woodward, Dartmouth, (N. H.)
Absalom Peters, ditto.
Sylvester Eaton, Williams, (Mass.)
Artemas Boies, ditto.
John Johns, Nassau Hall, (N. J.)
John S. Newbold, ditto.
John Goldsmith, ditto.
William James, ditto.
Jonathan Price, ditto.
Charles Hodge, ditto.
John W. Grier, Dickinson, (Penn.)

In addition to these, Salmon Strong, who had left the Seminary on account of ill health, returned a short time since and resumed his studies.

Backus Wilbur having finished his regular course, and Elias Harrison having accepted an invitation to take charge of an academy, did not return after the fall vacation. About the middle of the winter session, David Montfort was dismissed at his own request, with a view to licensure by the Presbytery under whose care he was. And Thomas B. Balch has within a few weeks retired from the Seminary, with some expectation of again returning.

Since the last annual report, the following students have been licensed to preach the Gospel, viz.

Phineas Camp	by the Presbytery of Hudson,
Stephen Saunders,	do. Jersey,
Elias Harrison,	do. do.
Thomas B. Balch,	do. Baltimore,
William M'Farlane,	do. Carlisle,
Jeremiah Chamberlaine,	do. do.
Sylvester Larned,	do. New York.
James H. Mills,	do. do.
Otto S. Hoyt,	do. New Brunswick.

A certificate of his having fully finished the whole course prescribed in the plan has been given by the Professors to Backus Wilbur.

The whole number of students who attended the Seminary during the winter session was forty-nine. The number at present in the Institution is forty-seven.

The studies which have been attended to through the year, by each class are the following, viz.

The *first* class which completed its course in the fall, have attended to the composition and delivery of a Sermon, and the Pastoral care. The class which in the fall became the *first*, to Didactic and Polemic Theology, Ecclesiastical History, and Church Government. The *second* class, to the study of the Scriptures in the English translation, Biblical History, the original languages of Scripture, Campbell's Dissertations, Didactic Theology, and Ecclesiastical History. And the *third* class which was formed at the commencement of the winter session, to the study of the Scriptures in the English translations, Sacred Chronology, Sacred Geography, Biblical History, the Original Languages of Scripture, and Jewish Antiquities.

The Professors in their report to the Board have repeated their former favourable statement, respecting the general spirit and deportment of the students under their care. And the Board are peculiarly gratified to have it in their power to state, that of the small number of the students, who have been in this seminary, no less than thirteen have through the year past been engaged, in missionary labours; and several of them with much success, as appears from their journals read before the Assembly.

At the close of each of the sessions through the year, the Board attended to a careful examination of the students, in which they received entire satisfaction.

On the subject of Female Societies, for the support of necessitous students, the Board are happy to report, that they have been informed by the Professors, the following sums have been forwarded for this object, viz.

Female Cent Society of 2d Church, Newark			\$ 76 25
1st do.	-	Philadelphia	150 00
do.	-	Newburgh	145 04
do.	-	Bridgetown (Cumb. N. J.)	35 76
2d do.	-	Philadelphia	54 37 $\frac{1}{2}$
do.	-	Brick Church (N. Y.)	104 00
do.	-	Elizabeth Town	48 58
do.	-	Hopewell, Orange Co. (N. Y.)	30 28
do.	-	Montgomery, do. (N. Y.)	101 00
do.	-	Lennox and Sullivan, Madison County, (N. Y.)	41 50
do.	-	Blooming Grove (N. Y.)	33 93
do.	-	Marlborough (N. Y.)	25 00
do.	-	Morristown (N. J.)	48 15
do.	-	Jamaica, Long Island	186 50
2d do.	-	Wall Street Church N. York	107 00
do.	-	Goshen (N. Y.)	53 00
Number of Ladies of Philadelphia			8 25
Female Association of 1st Presbyterian Cong. Newark			153 18
Mite Society of Wilmington (Del.)			59 50
Female Benevolent Society of Springfield (N. J.)			32 18
Cong. and Pres. Association, Charleston (S. C.)			294 00
Female Benevolent Society, Harrisburgh (Penn.)			100 00
Female Society of Cedar Street Church, N. York			376 00

Total \$2263 55 $\frac{1}{2}$

By means of these generous donations, there have been supported, through the year past in the Seminary, either in whole or in part, sixteen students, the most of whom would probably otherwise not have have received the advantages of the institution.

Through the year past, several valuable books have been added to the library. Nineteen volumes have been purchased, and forty-eight volumes have been presented.

The Board have through the year progressed in the erection of the principal edifice for the Theological Seminary. It is now enclosed, and has been erected on the plan, reported to a former Assembly, and approved by them. The Board have expended the whole of the appropriation of the last year, and the unexpended balance of the former year, amounting together to \$20,598 $\frac{24}{100}$. And the Building Committee finding that this sum was insufficient to put the building under cover, and secure it from the weather, which was deemed very important, before the winter commenced, and which the last Assembly ordered to be done, felt themselves reluctantly constrained to incur an expence beyond the appropriation. They accordingly expended \$3,000, and became responsible themselves for the sum, in confidence that the Assembly would agree to assume the same. After expending this sum, the committee found on carefully collecting the outstanding accounts, and which it was impracticable to collect before, that there was due an additional sum of \$1,400. In the spring they found that several things still needed to be done on the exterior of the building, to secure it from the weather. But unwilling to take further responsibility on themselves,

they procured the calling of a special meeting of the Board, and laid this matter before them. The Board considering the necessity of the case, passed the following resolution, viz. "That it be recommended to the committee of building, to proceed immediately in doing those things, which are absolutely necessary to protect the edifice from the weather."—Conformably to this resolution, the building committee have proceeded in necessary expences to the amount of \$900; making an excess of expenditure, above the appropriation of \$5,300. The Board believe that imperious necessity, required the course that has been pursued; and they had no alternative, but either to leave what they had already done to great injury, or to exceed the appropriation in the expenditures as they have done. The Board would further report that they have on hand materials amounting in value to about \$1,500.

Of the appropriation of the last Assembly for the general purposes of the Institution of \$4,000, together with the balance of the former year of \$541, the Board have expended the following sums, viz :

Professors' salaries and house rent	-	-	-	\$4,200	00
Travelling expenses of distant directors	-	-	-	53	80
Contingencies for Printing, &c.	-	-	-	135	41
					\$4,389 21

Leaving a balance of this appropriation unexpended, of \$151 79

The Board would further report to the Assembly, that to render the Theological Edifice fit to accommodate the Institution, it will be necessary to finish the two lower stories, except such public rooms as may not be immediately wanted, and also some lodging rooms in the third story; and that the expense to complete this will be about fifteen or sixteen thousand dollars, which sum, according to the statement they have just received from the Treasurer of the General Assembly, is about the amount of the whole of the funds of the Theological Seminary, except those which can be appropriated only, to the support of necessitous students.

From this statement the Assembly will readily perceive the imperious necessity of making without delay, vigorous exertions to increase the funds of the institution.*

Signed by order of the Board,

ASHBEL GREEN, *President.*

John M'Dowell, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, May 20, 1817.

* The Assembly have earnestly recommended a collection to be taken up in all the churches within their bounds, to meet the present exigencies of the institution, on the first Sabbath in November next; or, if prevented on that day, on some following Sabbath of that month; and that the pastors of the respective churches, on the day of the collection, preach a sermon adapted to the occasion.

The Assembly have also appointed agents throughout their bounds, to solicit subscriptions in aid of the funds of the Seminary.

APPENDIX.

The Theological Seminary has now been in operation nearly five years. The number of students who have been in the Institution from its commencement, including those now in it, amount to ninety.

Of these, forty-four have been licensed to preach the Gospel—Twenty are settled pastors, several of them in the most important congregations within our bounds; and the labours of several of them have already been blessed with *special revivals* of religion. Nineteen of them have been engaged, or are now engaged in missionary labours, or have accepted missionary appointments. The labours of several of them on missionary ground, have been very signally blessed. Congregations in very important situations have been formed through the instrumentality of their labours; and the outpouring of the Spirit has in several instances followed them. The field of labour into which many of them have gone or are going, is exceedingly important. Through the last year the students of the Seminary have been actively engaged on missionary ground in the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio and Indiana, and the Michigan and Illinois Territories—And appointments have now been accepted, in addition to other regions, for the Missouri Territory, the Mississippi Territory, and Mobile and the city of New Orleans.

The students have been actively and successfully engaged in the vicinity of the Seminary in promoting the interests of religion—And there is now existing among the students a society of inquiry respecting missions; this society was instituted in the spring of 1814. It meets once a month. Its object is to store the minds of the students with a knowledge on missionary subjects, to ascertain the situation and wants of destitute regions of the world, and the best means of spreading the Gospel among them. And to enkindle and cherish the spirit of missionaries in their own souls—It is especially to this institution that the missionary spirit is to be ascribed, which has lately been excited among the students of the seminary, and which promises to be extensively useful to the Redeemer's Kingdom.

These facts speak a language in favour of the Seminary which cannot be mistaken. If any thing can animate its friends, and reconcile to its support, those who have hitherto regarded it with aversion, or indifference, it is the extensive benefits which it has already procured to the church. However christians may differ as to the means of doing good, they must rejoice in all those efforts which promote the glory of God, and accomplish the designs of his grace, in the salvation of men.—The claims of the Theological Seminary at Princeton do not rest on the *promises* of usefulness, but on the actual advantages which it has *furnished*. Already it has sent forth able and faithful labourers into the harvest; workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.—The prayers of the church are answered. The borders of our country are pressed with the feet of missionaries, who have been educated in this institution.—Sinners are now listening to the gospel from lips

that have drunk deeply at the fountains of sacred truth.—The student has exchanged his place at the feet of his teachers, to engage in the active labours of the cross, and to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ.—In various parts of the church, desolated by the death of the fathers, have risen the children; and it is a most gratifying circumstance, one which we consider as a peculiar manifestation of divine favour, that in some congregations, where the pastor was chosen from among the students of our Seminary, there have been extensive revivals.—In proportion as this institution shall be known, it will gain on the affections of the churches. Its importance must be felt in every section of our community. It is a fountain, which enjoys, it is believed, the favour and protection of Zion's king;—his own right hand is throwing into it the salt of grace, and its streams are already flowing to revive the desert. To protect it; to give it the full advantages of the cordial exertions and prayers of the church, are duties which the indications of Providence and palpable events have placed beyond the reach of doubt, or question.—It requires the prompt and prayerful aid of its friends. This is a season of deep interest to its welfare. Every day its importance and respectability are rising.—The hopes of its friends are more than realized; the practicability of its design is reduced to demonstration. We call upon our churches to contribute to its funds,—to redeem their pledge, to give it all the ardour of their supplication, and so much of their substance as shall enable it to do all the good of which it is capable.

The edifice, founded for the accommodation of the Seminary, has already nearly exhausted the funds hitherto collected.

The building, now enclosed, will be at once a credit and a blessing to the church. To finish it will require a vigorous exertion. Our faith in the mercy of the Lord is unshaken. The tokens of his favour forbid our fear; the hearts of men are in his hand, and the silver and the gold will not be withheld from the work which he delights to prosper.

When we reflect that there are several thousand professors of our denomination, among whom there are hundreds who could alone and without the sacrifice of one comfort of life, complete this important edifice, shall we doubt the inclination and zeal, the piety and liberality of our collected friends.

From what has been done we may anticipate what this institution is designed to do. It requires not the spirit of prophecy to foresee that by its instrumentality, under the favour of God, the waste places of Zion will be rebuilt—sinners will be converted to Jesus—his children strengthened, comforted and confirmed. To this generation it is *vastly important*—to the next it is *STILL MORE SO*; and we cannot but believe that the millennial morn will be spread upon it, as upon the mountains; that it is one of the precursors of the season of righteousness, and many have a deep instrumentality in promoting its reign. This institution cannot be suffered to languish without involving the character and interests of our church deeply and vitally. It was established with prayer. Its resources are in the hearts of the churches. Its income and its prosperity under God must come from a spirit excited to do good, and that will “NOT BE WEARY IN WELL DOING.”

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IN CASES OF PERSONAL ESTATE.

I give and bequeath (as above, excepting instead of "the heirs of such survivor," say,) the executors, administrators and assigns of such survivor.

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The Professors of the Seminary are—

Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D. Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology.

Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D. Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.

Three Scholarships have been founded, viz.

The ——— Scholarship, } Both founded by an unknown individual New York.
The ——— Scholarship, }

The Lenox Scholarship, founded by Robert Lenox, esq. of New York.

The Officers of the Board of Directors are—

Ashbel Green, D. D. President,
John Woodhull, D. D. Vice-President,
John M'Dowell, Secretary.

The present Directors of the Seminary are,

MINISTERS.

Samuel Blatchford, D. D.
Francis Herron,
James Hall, D. D.
John Johnston,
Robert G. Wilson,
David Comfort,
John E. Latta.

John Woodhull, D. D.
Eliphalet Nott, D. D.
James Blythe, D. D.
James Inglis, D. D.
Asa Hillyer,
Jonathan Freeman,
John Chester.

Ashbel Green, D. D.
William Neill, D. D.
John M'Dowell,
James Richards, D. D.
John B. Romeyn, D. D.
Robert Findley, D. D.
Jacob J. Janeway, D. D.

ELDERS.

Divie Bethune,
Robert Lenox,
John M'Mullin.

Zechariah Lewis,
Joseph C. Hornblower,
John Van Cleve,

Robert Ralston,
John R. B. Rodgers,
Samuel Bayard.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Board of Directors of the THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, beg leave to present to the General Assembly, the following as the Report of their proceedings through the last year, viz.

THE number of students in the Seminary at the date of the last report was forty-seven.

During the summer session the seven following students were received, viz.

Lemuel D. Hatch, graduate of the University of South Carolina,	
David H. Philips, of Kentucky,	
Lemuel F. Leake, graduate of Nassau Hall, (N. J.)	
Moses Hunter,	Union, (N. Y.)
William C. Woodbridge,	Yale, (Con.)
Epaphras Chapman,	ditto.
Constant Southworth,	Middlebury, (Ver.)

Of the students in the Seminary according to the last report, John W. Grier, did not return after the vacation on account of ill health, James H. Mills, Robert James, Otto S. Hoyt, Gideon N. Judd, William M'Farlane, Sylvester Larned, Levin I. Gillis, Andrew W. Poage, and Benjamin Gildersleeve, were regularly dismissed, through the course of the summer; and Jonathan Price withdrew from the Seminary, so that the number of students in the institution, at the close of the summer session was forty-three.

During the winter session fifteen additional students were received, viz.

Eli W. Caruthers, graduate of Nassau Hall, (N. J.)	
John H. Van Court,	ditto.
David Magie,	ditto.
William B. Barton,	ditto.
John Peirce,	ditto.
Elias W. Crane,	ditto.
Nicholson R. Morgan,	ditto.
Charles P. M'Ilvaine, (member of Episcopal Church,) ditto.	
John R. Coe,	Union, (N. Y.)
Adams W. Platt,	ditto.
Job P. Vinal,	ditto.
Henry Safford,	Dartmouth, (N. H.)
Azariah G. Orton,	Williams, (Mass.)
Joseph Smith,	Jefferson, (Penn.)
Thomas M. Strong,	Columbia, (N. Y.)

Lebbeus Booth, who retired from the Seminary in the year 1814, on account of ill health, returned at the commencement of the winter session, and resumed his studies, but on account of ill health, was obliged before the close of the session, again to withdraw.

Samuel S. Davis, who withdrew from the Seminary in 1815, in

consequence of accepting an office in Union College, also returned at the commencement of the winter session, and resumed his studies. William C. Woodbridge and Benjamin Gildersleeve, did not return after the fall vacation.

Of the first class none returned except James S. Woods, who was regularly dismissed about the middle of the session.

Symmes C. Henry and James C. Barnes, were dismissed at the close of the winter session.

Since the last annual report, the following students have been licensed to preach the Gospel, viz.

David Monfort, by the Presbytery of Miami,		
Gideon N. Judd,	do.	Columbia,
James S. Woods,	do.	New Brunswick,
Samuel L. Graham,	do.	do.
Benjamin I. Lowe,	do.	do.
Symmes C. Henry,	do.	do.
Reuben Post,	do.	do.
James C. Barnes,	do.	do.
Nicholas Patterson,	do.	Philadelphia,
Thomas I. Biggs,	do.	do.
Isaac W. Platt,	do.	New-York,
Ravaud K. Rodgers,	do.	do.
William Moderwell,	do.	New-Castle,
William Chester, by an association in Connecticut.		

Certificates that they have fully finished the whole course prescribed in the plan have been given by the Professors to Charles Webster and Jeremiah Chamberlain. The Board regret that notwithstanding the recommendation of the last Assembly, "that the course of study prescribed by the plan be in every case complete," there should be in a whole class only two students, who continued until the full completion of the course.

The whole number of students connected with the Seminary during the winter session was fifty-five. The number now connected with the institution is fifty-one.

The studies which have been attended to through the year by each class, are the same as in the preceding year, stated particularly in the last annual report.

At the close of each of the sessions through the year, the Board attended to a careful examination of the students, in which they received entire satisfaction.

The Board are happy to state that the missionary spirit which has existed among the students of the Seminary, still continues, and appears to increase. Numbers of those who studied in this institution, have through the year been actively engaged on missionary ground, in almost every state and territory in our country. The great good which has resulted from their labours, in advancing the cause of the Redeemer, the Assembly will be able in part, to appreciate from the missionary journals which have been read before them.

On the subject of Societies for the support of necessitous Students, the Board are happy to report, that they have been informed by the

Professors, the following sums have been forwarded for this object,
viz.

Female Cent Society of Newburgh, N. Y.	-	\$42 19
Do. - - - - -	Bridgetown, (Cum. co. N. J.)	29 56
Do. - - - - -	Harrisburgh, Penn.	79 00
Do. - - - - -	West Town, (Orange co. N. Y.)	40 00
Contribution from a Lady, unknown,	- - -	50 00
Do. from a person in the Presbytery of Erie,	- - -	5 00
Female Dollar Society of Lebanon and Bethlehem, N. J.	- - -	60 00
Female Society of Holmesburgh, Penn.	- - -	25 00
Female Cent Society of Baskinridge, N. J.	- - -	27 55
Phebean Society of Philadelphia,	- - -	125 50
Certain Ladies of Philadelphia,	- - -	10 00
Presbyterian Congregation of Ballston, N. Y.	- - -	11 80
Female Mite Society of Augusta, (Georgia)	- - -	404 50
Cong. and Pres. Female Society of Charleston, (S. C.)	- - -	175 00
Female Cent Society of Jamaica, Long Island,	- - -	210 91
Do. Montgomery, Orange co. N. Y.	- - -	49 00
Do. Goshen, N. Y.	- - -	28 00
Do. Trenton, N. J.	- - -	50 50
Female Association of 1st. Pres. Ch. Newark, N. J.	- - -	131 91
Benevolent Society of Flemingsburg and Smyrna, Ken.	- - -	50 00
Female Society of Scotch Town, (Orange co. N. Y.)	- - -	25 21
Female Benevolent Society of Springfield, N. J.	- - -	20 40
Female Mite Society of Georgetown, D. C.	- - -	130 00
Baltimore Society for aiding Theological Seminary,	- - -	150 00
Female Society of Charleton, Saratoga co. N. Y.	- - -	30 00
Do. of the 2d Presbyterian Cong. Albany,	- - -	106 00
Do. of Blooming Grove, N. Y.	- - -	33 00
Female Cent Society of Hopewell, N. Y.	- - -	20 00
Do. of Cedar St. Congregation, N. York,	- - -	337 00
Do. of Lexington, Kentucky,	- - -	50 00
Second Cent Society of the 1st Pres. Ch. N. York,	- - -	117 00
Female Charitable Society of Vernon, Hartford Pres.	- - -	6 75
Female Society of Rutger's St. Church, N. Y, appro- priated to an individual by themselves,	- - - }	275 00
Female Charitable Society of Cranbury, N. J.	- - -	20 00
Female Mite Society of Allen Township, Penn.	- - -	55 38
Monthly Prayer Meeting of Troy, N. Y.	- - -	8 04
Female Cent Society of Pleasant Valley, N. Y.	- - -	40 00
Do. Morris Town, N. J.	- - -	24 75
Total,		\$ 3053 95

The number of Students who have been maintained through the year, in whole or in part, on the charitable funds put at the disposal of the Professors, has been *twenty-five*.

Through the year past several valuable books have been presented. The number of volumes which have in this way been

received into the library is 121 ; a number more donations in books have been heard of as on the way, but have not yet been received. Among these, the Board beg leave particularly to notice a box of books which has arrived in New York, consisting chiefly of the works of the fathers, presented by the Rev. Dr. Benjamin M'Dowel, of the city of Dublin, in Ireland.

With respect to the Theological edifice, the board informed the last Assembly, in their report, that it was then enclosed. During the summer season they proceeded in the work of the interior of the house, and by the commencement of the winter session, had nearly completed the rooms in the two lower stories. The debt reported to the last Assembly, and directed to be paid, has been discharged. In addition to this, there has been expended on the building through the year past \$ 8,401 50 $\frac{1}{4}$, leaving a balance of the appropriation of the last year for building unexpended of \$ 1,598 49 $\frac{1}{2}$.

For the general purposes of the institution there have been expended the following sums, viz.

For Professors salaries and house rent, including } a quarter's salary of the preceding year,	\$ 4652 75
For printing last annual report, and a historical sketch,	77 50
For wood for recitation room for two preceding years,	66 11
Secretary's account, - - - - -	25 78
Travelling expences of one Director, - -	21 00
	\$ 4843 14

This expenditure, owing to accounts of former years, which had not been presented, has exceeded the appropriation \$ 343 14.— This sum has been paid out of the appropriation for building, leaving a balance of the united appropriations of the last Assembly, unexpended of \$ 1,255 35 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Since the commencement of the winter session, the edifice has been occupied by the Students. About 40 of them were accommodated in the building, in the rooms which had been finished. These have been boarded and lodged in the edifice ; the remainder have been obliged, for want of room, to board and lodge out of the building.

Many of the Students in the Seminary were supported by charity, and therefore were unable to furnish their rooms in the Seminary. This difficulty has been removed by the generosity, chiefly of benevolent females. Several necessary articles of furniture were forwarded, of which the Board beg leave here to make a report to the Assembly.

Miss Olive Sproat, of Philadelphia, collected and forwarded 8 lanterns for the entries, 10 Psalm and Hymn books for the oratory, and mattresses, bedding and furniture, sufficient for several rooms. Several articles of furniture were also received from Mrs. Woodhull, wife of the Rev. Dr. Woodhull, Mrs. Smith Green, of Lawrenceville, Mrs. Scudder, of Monmouth, Mr. Zechariah Lewis, of New

York, Mr. James C. Barnes, a Theological Student, and from Flemington, N. J. A number of articles were collected from different individuals by Mr. Woodward, a Theological Student. The Rev. John Joyce presented \$ 30, with which was purchased furniture for two rooms; Rev. Dr. Janeway presented \$ 5 50, and from Miss Susan D. Rye and the Young Ladies of Raleigh Academy have been received three elegant bed quilts.

The Board have to inform the assembly, that at their late meeting in Princeton, the Rev. Dr. Green, their President, generously presented to the institution two acres of land, which he had purchased for the purpose, in the rear of the lot on which the edifice now stands.

The same gentleman, at the same time, presented a plan to provide the means of building a house for the Professor of Didactick and Polemic Theology, which is very much needed, which plan has received the approbation of the Board, and which they beg leave to lay before the Assembly. "It is proposed, if authorized by the General Assembly, that exertions be made to procure the names of ten or twelve individuals, who shall each be responsible in the sum of \$ 500, either to be paid by themselves or to be raised by their agency, which sum shall be devoted to the erection of a house for the use of a Professor; which house shall be located by the Board, and shall belong to the Theological Seminary without condition or reservation."*

The following five gentlemen have already generously bound themselves each to provide the sum of \$ 500 for the above object on condition that 10 names are procured, viz.

Rev. Dr. Ashbel Green, Mr. Zechariah Lewis, Rev. Ebenezer Grant, Rev. Dr. Jacob J. Janeway, Rev. John Chester, Rev. George Duffield.

The Board have further to report to the Assembly, that at their meeting in September last, they were informed that John Whitehead, Esq. of Burke county, Georgia, had presented to the Seminary one hundred shares of Marine and Fire Insurance stock in the city of Savannah, the par value of which was \$ 25 per share. Through the course of the winter this stock was sold, and the proceeds amounting to \$ 3,275 were transmitted to the Treasurer of the General Assembly. By the direction of the Board, the President wrote to Mr. Whitehead, requesting to know whether he intended that his donation should be applied to any particular object. Mr. Whitehead replied that he left it optional with the Board, the same information was received from a Director who had a personal interview with Mr. Whitehead. In consequence of these communications, the Board, desirous of expressing the high sense they have of the unsolicited generosity of Mr. Whitehead, and of perpetuating in the institution the name of so distinguished a patron, passed the following resolution, viz.—"Resolved, That if the General Assembly

* The Assembly have authorized the building of a Professor's house on the plan proposed by the Directors.

approve, \$2,500 of Mr. Whitehead's donation be applied to establish a Scholarship, to be called the *Whitehead Scholarship*."*

"Resolved, That it be recommended to the Assembly to add the following clause to the plan of the Seminary at the close of the 5th section of the 8th article, viz.—"And if any Congregation, Presbytery, Synod, or Association, shall found a Professorship or Professorships, a Scholarship or Scholarships, or a Fund or Funds, such Professorships, Scholarships, or Funds, shall forever afterwards be called and known by such name as the body founding them shall give."†

Signed by order of the Board,

ASHBEL GREEN, *President*.

JOHN M'DOWELL, *Secretary*.

Philadelphia, May 28, 1818.

* On this article the Assembly unanimously passed the following resolution, viz. "Resolved, That \$2,500 of the liberal donation of Mr. Whitehead be appropriated to establish a Scholarship, to be called the *Whitehead Scholarship*."

† This paragraph, by a unanimous vote of the Assembly, has been added to the plan.

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I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and to their Successors and Assigns, the sum of
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(or any other personal property, as the case may be) *to be applied to the use of the Theological Seminary of said Church, and now located at Princeton, in the state of New Jersey; or, to the support of students in indigent circumstances in said Seminary; or, to such other uses as the testator may think proper to express.*

IN CASES OF REAL ESTATE.

I give and devise to the Trustees, &c. (as above) all that tract or lot of land or tenement, messuage or other real estate, as the case may be, situate in, &c. for the use of, &c. (as above.)

The above forms may be used by a testator residing in the state of Pennsylvania, where the Trustees of the General Assembly have been incorporated; but in the other states of the union the following forms are recommended, viz.

IN CASES OF REAL ESTATE.

I give and devise unto A, B, & C, and the survivors and survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivor, (describe the real estate,) for the use of, and in trust for, the directors of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, now located at Princeton, in the state of New Jersey.*

IN CASES OF PERSONAL ESTATE.

I give and bequeath (as above, excepting instead of "the heirs of such survivor," say,) the executors, administrators and assigns of such survivor."

The Professors of the Seminary are—

Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D. Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology.

Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D. Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.

* The testator may appoint but one or two trustees if he thinks proper.

Five Scholarships have been founded, viz.

1. The ——— Scholarship, } Both founded by an unknown in-
2. The ——— Scholarship, } dividual, New York.
3. The Lenox Scholarship, founded by Robert Lenox, Esquire,
of New York.
4. The Whitehead Scholarship, founded by John Whitehead, esq.
of Burke county, Georgia.
5. The Charleston Female Scholarship, founded by the Congre-
gational and Presbyterian Female Association of Charleston, for as-
sisting in the education of pious youth for the Gospel Ministry.

The Officers of the Board of Directors are—

Ashbel Green, D. D. President,
John Woodhull, D. D. Vice-President,
John M'Dowell, Secretary.

The present Directors of the Seminary are—

MINISTERS.

Ashbel Green, D. D.
John M'Dowell,
William Neill, D. D.
James Richards, D. D.
John B. Romeyn, D. D.
Jacob J. Janeway, D. D.
Ebenezer Grant.

Samuel Blatchford, D. D.
Francis Herron,
James Hall, D. D.
John Johnston,
Robert G. Wilson,
David Comfort,
John E. Latta.

John Woodhull, D. D.
Eliphalet Nott, D. D.
James Blythe, D. D.
James Inglis, D. D.
Asa Hillyer,
Jonathan Freeman,
John Chester.

ELDERS.

Robert Ralston,
John R. B. Rodgers,
Samuel Bayard.

Divie Bethune,
Robert Lenox,
John M'Mullin.

Zechariah Lewis,
Joseph C. Hornblower,
John Van Cleve.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Board of Directors of the THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, beg leave to present to the General Assembly, the following, as the report of their proceedings through the last year, viz.

THE number of students in the seminary, at the date of the last report, was *fifty-one*. During the summer session, the *seven* following students were received, viz.

Joseph Estabrook,	graduate of Dartmouth College, N. H.
Austin Dickinson	ditto.
James Smith,	Dickinson, Penn.
Francis M'Farland,	Washington, ditto.
Henry Perkins,	University of Ohio.
Samuel Schmucker,	(Luth. Ch.) University of Pennsylvania.
Isaac Bard	of Kentucky.

The following students were dismissed after the date of the last report, and through the course of the summer session, viz. William Chester, Norris Bull, Sylvester Eaton, Robert Glenn, John S. Newbold, William James, Isaac Keller, and Artemas Boies. So that the number of students at the close of the summer session was *fifty*.

During the winter session *thirty* additional students were received, viz.

James V. Henry,	graduate of New Jersey College.
Daniel B. Johnson,	ditto.
John M'Lean,	ditto.
Thompson S. Harris,	ditto.
Nathaniel Conkling,	ditto.
William J. Armstrong,	(Licentiate.) ditto.
Amzi Babbitt	ditto.
Benjamin B. Wisner,	Union, N. Y.
Thomas Lounsbury,	ditto.
Daniel Waterbury,	ditto.
Joshua N. Danforth,	Williams, Mas.
Charles Fitch,	ditto.
Joseph P. Cunningham	Transylvania, Ken.
John Hudson,	ditto.
Andrew O. Patterson,	Washington, Penn.
James Williamson,	ditto.
Charles J. Hindsdale,	Yale, Con.
Horace S. Pratt,	ditto.
William Henry Foot,	ditto.
Andrew Todd,	Jefferson, Penn.
William C. Blair,	ditto.
Joshua Moore,	ditto.
Luke Lyons,	of the State of New York.
Thomas Alexander,	Kentucky.

William Henderson,	Kentucky.
Robert A. Lapsley,	ditto.
Henry L. Rice,	ditto.
William Scott,	ditto.
William Warfield, (Bap. Ch.)	ditto.
Howard Malcom, ditto.	Pennsylvania.

At the close of the summer session, the following students were regularly dismissed, viz.

William D. Snodgrass, Samuel L. Graham, William Moderwell, John Johns, Henry Woodward, Elias W. Crane, Gilbert Morgan, Ravaud K. Rodgers, Benjamin J. Lowe, Isaac W. Platt, Reuben Post, and Salmon Strong. Constant Southworth did not return after the vacation.

George W. Gale, who withdrew in 1817, on account of ill health, and who has since been licensed, returned at the commencement of the winter session, and continued in the Seminary until within a few weeks. And William James, who retired last spring, returned again at the commencement of the winter session.

In the course of the winter session Thomas S. Wickes withdrew on account of ill health: and also the following students on account of their engagements, viz. John M'Lean, William B. Sprague, Lemuel F. Leak, David H. Philips, Epaphras Chapman, Joseph Smith, Job P. Vinall, William J. Armstrong, and Anzi Babbit.

Since the last annual report, the following Students have been licensed to preach the gospel, viz.

Sylvester Eaton,	by the Presbytery of Albany.
Norris Bull,	Columbia.
William Sprague,	An association of Connecticut.
William D Snodgrass,	Presbytery of Carlisle.
John Goldsmith,	Long Island.
Thomas S. Wickes,	New York.
Absalom Peters,	ditto.
Moses Hunter,	ditto.
David H. Philips,	New Brunswick.
Epaphras Chapman,	ditto.
Lemuel F. Leake,	Newtown.
Joseph Smith,	Winchester.
Elias W. Crane,	Jersey.
Job P. Vinall,	ditto.
Salmon Strong,	Oneida.

Certificates that they have completed the whole course prescribed in the plan have been given by the Professors to Samuel L. Graham, Benjamin J. Lowe, Gilbert Morgan, Isaac W. Platt, Reuben Post, and Ravaud K. Rodgers. The Board here with pleasure remark, that the number of those who have continued in the Seminary until the whole course was completed, has been greater in this, than any preceding class; and they fondly entertain the hope, that in each succeeding class the proportion will continue to increase.

The whole number of students connected with the Seminary, in

the course of the winter session was *sixty-seven*. The number still remaining in connexion with it is *fifty-six*.

The following are the studies which have been attended to through the year by each class; viz. The *First* class to the composition and delivery of Sermons, and to the Pastoral Care. The class which at the commencement of the winter session became the *first*, to Didactic and Polemic Theology, Ecclesiastical History, and Church Government. The *Second* class to the Original Languages of Scripture, the Scriptures in the English translation, Biblical History, Dr. Campbell's Dissertations, Biblical Criticism, Didactic Theology, and Ecclesiastical History. And the *Third* class, which was formed at the commencement of the winter session, to the study of the Scriptures in the English translation, Sacred Chronology, Sacred Geography, Biblical History, the Original Languages of Scripture, and Jewish Antiquities.

At the close of each of the sessions in the year, the Board attended to a careful examination of the students, in which they received entire satisfaction.

The Board with pleasure remark, that the Missionary spirit, which has existed among the students of the Seminary, still continues, and appears to increase. Numbers of those who studied in this Institution have through the year been actively and successfully engaged, on missionary ground, in different parts of the United States. And within a few weeks two of the late students of this Seminary, viz. Epaphras Chapman and Job P. Vinall have set out, under the patronage of the United Foreign Missionary Society, on a mission to the southwestern Indians.

On the subject of Societies for the support of necessitous students, the Board are happy to report, that they have been informed by the Professors, that the following sums have been received, viz.

Female Cent Society of Jamaica, (L. I.)	-	-	\$215 50
Do. - - Florida, (N. Y.)	-	-	55 00
Do. - - Goshen, (N. Y.)	-	-	57 00
Do. - - New Brunswick, (N. J.)	-	-	43 32
Do. - - Hopewell, (N. Y.)	-	-	20 00
Do. - - Bridgetown, Cum. co. (N. J.)	-	-	27 14
Do. - - Flemingsburg and Smyrna, (Ky.)	-	-	50 00
Do. - - Newburgh, (N. Y.)	-	-	52 50
Do. - - Montgomery, (N. Y.)	-	-	17 00
Do. - - 1st Pres. Ch. Newark, (N. J.)	-	-	106 00
Do. - - Hackelstown, (N. J.)	-	-	26 50
Do. - - Trenton, (N. J.)	-	-	41 50
Do. - - Lexington, (Ky.) paid to a student from that country by themselves,	-	-	75 00
Do. - - Cedar st. Ch. N. Y.	-	-	343 00
Do. - - Scotch Town, (N. Y.)	-	-	47 70
Do. - - Gettysburgh, (Pa.)	-	-	16 00
Do. - - Conewago, (Pa.)	-	-	24 00
Do. - - Frankfort, (Ky.)	-	-	30 00

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Do.	-	Bedford, N. Y.)	-	20 00
Do.	-	Wall st. Ch. N. Y.	-	105 65
Female Mite Society of Augusta, (Geo.)				260 00
Do.	-	Alexandria, (D. C.)	-	40 00
Do.	-	Georgetown, (D. C.)	-	30 00
Female Society of Lebanon and Bethlehem, (N. J)				34 00
Do.	-	Rutgers st. Ch. N. Y. appropriated to	}	150 00
		an individual, by themselves,		
Phebian Society of Philadelphia,				174 03
Ladies in the Congregation of Freehold, (N. J.)				61 00
Rev. Mr. Bates' Congregation, Mercer, (Pa.)				18 00
Added to the preceding sum in Philadelphia,				7 00
A lady in Cincinnati, (Ohio)				40 00
Congregation of Bethlehem. (N. Y.)				6 25
Mr. Nathaniel Whitaker, for a particular student,				50 00
Ladies Society of Princeton, (N. J)				158 00
Monthly Concert of Prayer, Elizabethtown, (N. J.)				50 00
Certain members of Pres. Cong. New Brunswick, (N. J.)				54 00
1st Pres. Ch. of Columbia, (S. C.)				113 00
Prayer Meeting, Troy, (N. Y.)				62 06
From do. by Rev. E. Grant,				37 00
From Rev. Elias Harrison, Alexandria,				16 00
Female Cent Society of the Second Presbyterian Church,				} 100 00
Albany,		-	-	
				\$2833 21

The number of students who have been maintained through the year, in whole or in part, on the above funds has been *twenty-eight*; besides those supported by the proceeds of the several scholarships.

Through the year past several valuable books have been presented. In this way, there have been added to the library *one hundred and fifty seven* volumes, besides *two hundred* unbound volumes and pamphlets.

The Board further report, the donation of two paintings on portions of Sacred History, by Mrs. Abigail Field of Princeton, which paintings have been placed in the Oratory; and also of four elegant lamps for the Oratory, from gentlemen belonging to the Cedar street Church, New York.

On the subject of the Theological Edifice, the Board report that the following work has been done, viz. the Oratory and Recitation rooms in the second story, and nine lodging rooms, in the third story have been finished; nine rooms and the entry of the fourth story have been floored; and seats for the Oratory have been procured. The expenditures for the above work have been \$1698 39. Besides this expenditure for building, an account has lately been presented by Mr. John McComb, and ordered to be paid, amounting to \$313, for furnishing plans for the Theological Edifice, giving occasional attendance during its erection, superintending stone cutting in New York, and commissions.

With respect to the Professor's House, the Board report, that in addition to the six gentlemen, reported to the assembly of last year as having become responsible, each for \$500 for the above object, the Rev. Dr. James Richards, and Robert Ralston, esq. have each become responsible for \$500. For this fund there have been paid to the Treasurer of the Board \$1825. The building has been commenced, and is now carried up to the first floor, \$1000 have been paid out for materials and work.

For the general purposes of the institution, there have been expended the following sums, viz.

Professor's Salary and House Rent,	-	-	\$1000 00
Printing last Annual Report,	-	-	37 50
Secretary's account and Stationary,	-	-	25 81
Travelling expences of one Director,	-	-	21 90
Cartage of Books and Blank Books,	-	-	2 25
			\$4037 46

Leaving a balance of the appropriation for the current expences of the institution unexpended of \$912 54 cts.

The Board beg leave here to remark, that of the united appropriations of the last assembly for building and current expences, amounting to \$7000, only \$5236 12 cts. have been drawn through the year from the Treasurer of the General Assembly.

The Board recommend to the General Assembly, that they appropriate for the general purposes of the Institution, through the ensuing year, the sum of \$4000 in addition to the unexpended balance of \$912 54 cts. And that they appropriate the sum of \$1000 to be applied to finish the library room, and the unfinished lodging rooms in the third story.

The Board would further report, that they have required the students who lodge in the Theological Edifice, to pay each at the rate of \$15 a year for room rent, to create a fund to defray the incidental expences of the Seminary, such as servants' wages, cleaning the house, providing fuel and lights for the public rooms, and the like, of which they request the approbation of the assembly.

The Board would only further report, that the term of office of the following directors, expires during the sessions of the assembly, viz.

Ministers.

John Woodhull, D. D.
 Eliphalet Nott, D. D.
 James Blythe, D. D.
 James Inglis, D. D.
 Asa Hilyer, D. D.
 Jonathan Freeman,
 John Chester.

Elders.

Zechariah Lewis,
 Joseph C. Hornblower,
 John Van Cleave

Signed by order of the Board,

ASHBEL GREEN, *President.*

JOHN McDOWELL, *Secretary.*

Princeton, May 13. 1819.

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Samuel Blatchford, D. D.
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James Hall, D. D.
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Zechariah Lewis,
John Van Cleve,
Elias B. Caldwell.

Robert Ralston,
John R. B. Rodgers,
Samuel Bayard.

Divie Bethune,
Robert Lenox,
John M'Mullin.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Board of Directors of the THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.



The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, beg leave to present to the General Assembly, the following, as the report of their proceedings, and of the state of the Seminary, through the last year:

THE number of students in the seminary at the date of the last report was *fifty-six*. During the summer session the *four* following students were received, viz.

Orson Douglass, graduate of Middlebury college, Vermont.	
Samuel F. Darrach,	Nassau Hall, N. J.
Peter V. Studdiford,	Queens, N. J.
William Q. Beattie,	Washington, Penn.

The following students were dismissed, after the date of the last report, through the course of the summer session, viz. Absalom Peters, Lemuel D. Hatch, and Charles P. McIlvaine.

During the winter session, *twenty-three* additional students were received, viz.

Edwin Downer, graduate of Nassau Hall, N. J.	
Hugh Wilson,	ditto.
Abraham Williamson,	ditto.
Charles C. Beatty,	ditto.
Benjamin Ogden,	ditto.
Thomas C. Kennedy,	ditto.
Abraham B. Hutton,	Union, N. Y.
Alexander McFarlane,	ditto.
James McVean,	ditto.
James M. Olmstead,	ditto.
Artemas Bishop,	ditto.
Alfred Chester,	Yale, Conn.
Robert Baird,	Jefferson, Penn.
Alexander Williamson,	ditto
William Patton, (licentiate,) Middlebury, Ver.	
Franklin G. Smith,	ditto.
Theophilus Parvin,	University of Pennsylvania.
Michael Osborn, candidate of Pres'y of New York.	
James Baber, of the state of Virginia.	
James Douglass,	ditto.
James B. Turner, candidate of Pres'y of West Lexington.	
James L. Marshall,	ditto.
Moses T. Harris,	ditto.

Charles S. Stewart and John M. Lean, who had left the seminary, returned at the commencement of the winter session.

At the close of the summer session, and through the course of the winter, the following students were dismissed, viz. John Goldsmith, William Nevins, Charles Hodge, Aaron D. Lane, George S. Boardman, Samuel S. Davis, Remembrance Chamberlain, Thomas M. Strong, Moses Hunter, Andrew O. Patterson, William Patton, Samuel S. Schmucker, and Howard Malcom.

The highest number of students connected with the seminary at any time through the year, has been *seventy*. The number now in connexion with it is *sixty-seven*.

Certificates that they have completed the whole course prescribed in the plan, have been given by the professors to George S. Boardman, Remembrance Chamberlain, Samuel S. Davis, John Goldsmith, Charles Hodge, William Nevins, and Aaron D. Lane.

Since the last annual report, the following students have been licensed to preach the gospel, viz.

Lemuel D. Hatch,	by the Presbytery of Orange.
James Smith,	Carlisle.
Francis M. Farland,	New-Brunswick.
Eli W. Caruthers,	ditto.
John H. Van Court,	ditto.
Azariah G. Orton,	ditto.
Henry Perkins,	ditto.
Isaac Bard,	ditto.
David M. Magie,	Jersey.
William B. Barton,	ditto.
Thomas M. Strong,	New-York.
Samuel S. Davis,	Albany.
George S. Boardman,	ditto.
Aaron D. Lane,	Columbia.
Andrew O. Patterson,	Washington, Pa.
William Nevins,	An association of Connecticut.
Remembrance Chamberlain,	Vermont.

The following are the studies which have been attended to through the year, by each class, viz. The *First* class to the composition and delivery of sermons, and to the pastoral care. The class which at the commencement of the winter session, became the *First*, to didactic and polemic theology, ecclesiastical history, and church government.—The *Second* class to the original languages of Scripture, the Scriptures in the English translation, Biblical history, Dr. Campbell's dissertations, didactic theology, and ecclesiastical history.—And the *Third* class which was formed at the commencement of the winter session, to the study of the original languages of Scripture, of the Scriptures in the English translation, of sacred chronology, sacred geography, Biblical history, and Jewish antiquities.

At the close of each of the sessions in the year, the Board attended to a careful examination of the students, in which they received entire satisfaction.

The Board with pleasure repeat a remark, which they have had occasion to make in former reports, that a spirit of missions exists among the students of the seminary, and appears to increase. Numbers of those who studied in this Institution, have, through the year, been actively and successfully engaged on missionary ground in different parts of the United States; and within a few weeks, one of the late students of the seminary, viz. Mr. Epaphras Chapman, in company with others, set out, under the patronage of the United Foreign Missionary Society, on a mission to the Osage Indians.

The Professors have reported the following sums, as raised by societies and individuals, for the support of necessitous students, viz.

Society in Baltimore, for aiding the Theol. Seminary,	\$180 00
Ladies' society of Princeton, N. J.	153 00
ditto. Cedar street church, New-York,	261 00
ditto. Columbia, S. C.	150 00
Phebean society, Philadelphia,	111 00
Female cent society of Elizabeth-Town, N. J.	47 00
ditto. Hopewell, N. Y.	20 00
ditto. Lebanon and Bethlehem, N. J.	37 00
ditto. Florida, N. Y.	30 00
ditto. Jamaica, Long Island,	146 00
ditto. Bloomingrove, N. Y.	36 00
ditto. Goshen, N. Y.	48 34
ditto. Harrisburgh, Penn.	60 00
ditto. Lexington, Ken. paid to a student from that country,	} 130 00
Juvenile society of ditto, paid to ditto,	2 00
Female cent society of Baskingridge, N. J. paid to a stu- dent by themselves,	} 37 00
ditto. Newburgh, N. Y.	30 76
ditto. Frankfort, Ken.	20 00
ditto. West Town, N. Y.	10 00
ditto. Morris Town, N. J.	28 75
Female mite society of Augusta, Geor.	260 00
Female Cent Society of Allentown, N. J.	4 50
Miss Jane Ellen Fish, Newburgh, N. Y.	10 00
Rev. Dr. Jacob J. Janeway	50 00
John Stille. Esq. of Philadelphia, for a particular student	50 00
A Lady in Pennsylvania, by Rev. P. Camp	10 00
Concert of prayer, Elizabethtown, N. J.	28 00
Do. Hempstead, Long Island	12 00
Do. Troy, N. Y.	24 14
Mr. Collins, Rehoboth, Maryland	40 00
First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, S. C.	30 00
A Gentleman	6 00

Carried forward, \$2063 49

<i>Brought forward,</i>		\$2062 49
Female Cent Society of Flemingsburgh and Smyrna,	}	\$40 00
Ken. for a particular student	}	70 00
Female Society of Washington, Penn.		150 00
Do. Columbia, S. C.		93 62
Do. Wall street Church, N. Y.		22 50
Do. Bridgetown, West Jersey		22 00
Presbyterian Congregation of Ballston, N. Y.		10 00
From a young Lady of do. both for a particular student		104 00
Female Society of the second Presbyterian Church,	}	20 00
Albany, for a particular student	}	18 00
Female Cent Society of Conawago, Penn.		
From the congregation of Gettysburgh, Penn. not	}	\$ 2612 61
reported last year,	}	

A large chest of bedclothes from the ladies of the congregation of Westown, N. Y.

A quantity of wearing apparel from the Female Society in Troy, N. Y.

Do. from the Doreas society, N. Y.

Do. from certain Ladies in Newark, N. J.

Through the year past several valuable books have been presented to the Seminary. In this way there have been added to the library *one hundred and thirty-eight* volumes, and *thirty-seven* pamphlets. The number of volumes now in the library is 1106, besides 300 pamphlets.

On the subject of the Theological Edifice, the Board report that but little work has been done. The library rooms, and five lodging rooms have been finished—with respect to the Professor's House, it has progressed in building as far as the funds collected for this object would admit. For want of funds the work was suspended in August last. The Superintendent states that \$2500, in addition to the subscriptions which were reported last spring as obtained for this object, will be requisite to complete the house and kitchen, with such out houses and fencing as will be necessary.—The great inconvenience to which one of the Professors has from the commencement of the Institution been subjected and under which he still labours, for want of a suitable and permanent residence for his family, render it very desirable that the attention of some able and liberal individuals should be directed to this object. The original plan was to procure ten or twelve subscribers, who should each become responsible for \$500 for this object.—Eight have been procured, as stated in the last annual report.—Five more will be necessary as stated above to complete the building.

Of the \$4000 subscribed for this object, \$3540 have been paid. The expenditures have been \$4132 46.

The last Assembly appropriated for the general purposes of the Institution, the sum of \$4000 in addition to the unexpended balance of the former year of \$912 54. The expenditures have been as follows, viz.

Professor's Salaries and House Rent,	\$4000 00
Secretary's account and Stationary,	26 66
Printing Circular Letter.	17 50
Advanced to Rev. Samuel S Davis, an agent,	38 00
Treasurer's commissions on the above at 1 per cent,	40 82
Printing the last Annual Report paid by the Treasurer of the General Assembly,	37 50
	\$4160 48

Leaving a balance of the appropriation for the current expences of the Institution unexpended, of \$752 50

Of the \$1000 appropriated for building, there have been expended the following sums, viz.

For materials and labour on the Edifice,	\$199 67
To pay on account of Mr. John M'Comb for plans, attendance, commissions, &c.	} 313 00
For auditing the accounts of the Building Committee, and the superintendent from the commencement of the building of the Edifice.	
Treasurer's Commissions on the above,	50 00
	5 62
	\$568 29

Leaving a balance of this appropriation of 431 74, out of which remains to be paid for materials and work done through the year past, the accounts for which have not yet been discharged, the sum of \$178 98.

The Board have further to report, that at their stated meeting last autumn, the Professors communicated the following pleasing information; viz.—The Professors are happy in being able to announce to the Board, that the *First* class in the Seminary have lately resolved as a class to endow a Scholarship; and in the mean time, to raise for the present year, the sum which a scholarship will annually produce. The *Second* and *Third* classes have also with laudable zeal and promptitude, taken measures which it is expected will lead to a similar endowment, by each class, and a similar provision in the mean time.”—At the late meeting of the Board, the Professors reported, that they had received from the students of the several classes in the Seminary, on their annual instalments of the several scholarships founded by them the sum of \$437 39.

The Board have learned from the Treasurer of the Trustees of

the General Assembly, that the state of the funds for the support of the Institution are such as to require the most serious attention of the assembly.

Signed by order of the Board,

ASHBEL GREEN, President.

JOHN M'DOWELL, Secretary.

Philadelphia, May 23, 1820.

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I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and to their Successors and Assigns, the sum of
or shares in the Bank of

(or any other personal property, as the case may be) to be applied to the use of the Theological Seminary of said Church, and now located at Princeton, in the state of New Jersey; or, to the support of students in indigent circumstances in said Seminary; or, to such other uses as the testator may think proper to express.

IN CASES OF REAL ESTATE.

I give and devise to the Trustees, &c. (as above) all that tract or lot of land or tenement, messuage or other real estate, as the case may be, situate in, &c. for the use of, &c. (as above.)

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John Van Cleve,
Elias B. Caldwell.

Robert Ralston,
John R. B. Rodgers,
Samuel Bayard.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, present to the General Assembly, the following, as the report of their proceedings, and of the state of the Seminary, through the last year:

THE number of students in the Seminary at the date of the last report was *sixty-seven*. During the summer session, the *five* following students were received. viz.

Holloway W. Hunt, graduate of Nassau Hall, N. J.	
John Breckinridge,	ditto.
Augustus L. Chapin,	Yale, Con.
Robert R. King,	University of N. Carolina.
George Potts,	ditto. Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hudson and Mr. Danforth, who had left the Seminary, returned, the former at the commencement, and the latter at the close of the session.

The following students were regularly dismissed after the date of the last report, through the course of the summer session; viz. Francis M^rFarland, James Smith, Isaac Bard, William James, and Nicholson R. Morgan.

Mr. Lounsbury and Mr. Hutton, did not return to the Seminary after the spring vacation.

During the winter session, *twenty-three* additional students were received, viz.

John Blatchford, graduate of Union College, N. Y.	
Joseph Sanford,	ditto.
George Stebbins,	ditto.
Eldad W. Goodman,	ditto.
Cyrenius Crosby,	ditto.
Daniel Young,	ditto.
George W. L. Smith,	ditto.
Baynard Hall,	ditto.
George Bush,	Dartmouth, N. H.
Cyrus Pitt Grosvenor,	ditto.

Albert Barns,	Hamilton, N. Y.
Charles C. Darling,	Yale, Con.
Nathaniel A. Pratt,	ditto.
John H. Kennedy,	Jefferson, Penn.
John Peebles,	ditto.
Joseph Trimble,	ditto.
James G. McNeely,	Dickinson, Penn.
Robert Roy, of the state of New York.	
Edward E. Gregory,	ditto.
James G. Hamner, candidate of Presbytery of Hanover.	
John Knox,	Winchester.
Stephen Frontis,	Orange.
Robert Campbell,	South Carolina.

Mr. Lounsbury and Mr. Hutton, returned at the commencement of this session.

At the close of the summer session, certificates that they had completed the whole course prescribed in the plan, were given to the following *eight* students, viz. Eli W. Caruthers, John H. Van Court, William B. Barton, John R. Coe, Adams W. Platt, Azariah G. Orton, John Pierce, and Henry Safford.

At the same time, the following students were regularly dismissed, viz. David Magie, William James, Henry Perkins, William C. Warfield, Benjamin B. Wisner, Charles J. Hinsdale, and James Williamson. Through the course of the winter session, Mr. James Baber was also regularly dismissed, and William Q. Beattie, Franklin G. Smith, and Samuel F. Darrach, withdrew in good standing.

The highest number of students connected with the Seminary, at any time through the year, has been *seventy-six*; the number now in connexion with it is *seventy-three*.

Since the last annual report, the following students have been licensed to preach the gospel, viz.

Benjamin B. Wisner, by the Presbytery of Albany.	
John Pierce,	ditto.
Adams W. Platt,	ditto.
William James,	ditto.
James Smith,	Carlisle.
James Williamson,	ditto.
John R. Coe,	Columbia,
Daniel Waterbury,	New York.
Charles J. Hinsdale,	Jersey.
Eli W. Caruthers,	New Brunswick.
Henry Perkins,	ditto.
Thomas Alexander,	ditto.
Charles Fitch,	ditto.
Robert A. Lapsley,	ditto.
Thompson S. Harris,	ditto.
Joseph P. Cunningham,	ditto.
William Henderson,	ditto.

Andrew Todd,	New Brunswick.
Horace S. Pratt,	ditto.
Orson Douglass,	ditto.
Peter O. Studdiford,	ditto.
Alfred Chester,	ditto.
James Baber,	ditto.
Abraham Williamson,	Newton.
Benjamin Ogden,	Philadelphia.
Theophilus Parvin,	ditto.
Nicholson R. Morgan,	Concord.
Henry Safford, by an association in Vermont.	

The studies which have been attended to through the year, by the several classes, are the same as have been repeatedly reported to the Assembly.

At the close of each session, the students passed an examination, in which the Board received entire satisfaction.

The Board have had occasion, in some former reports, to notice the existence of a spirit of missions among the students of the Seminary. This spirit, they are happy to state, is, on the whole, gaining ground.

On the subject of benefactions for the support of necessitous students, the Professors have reported the following sums, viz.

Female Society of Jamaica, L. I.		\$177 10
ditto.	Lebanon and Bethlehem, N. J.	32 00
ditto.	Trenton, N. J.	38 00
ditto.	Princeton, N. J.	107 00
ditto.	Cedar-street church, N. Y.	262 00
ditto.	Elizabethtown, N. J.	76 00
ditto.	Baskingridge, N. J.	37 50
ditto.	Neshaminy, Penn.	31 00
ditto.	Newburgh, N. Y.	32 82
ditto.	Florida, N. Y.	26 00
ditto.	Silver Creek, Ky.	100 00
ditto.	Blooming Grove, N. Y.	40 16
ditto.	Lancaster, Penn.	55 00
ditto.	Hopewell, N. Y.	15 00
ditto.	New Brunswick, N. J.	50 00
ditto.	Bolton, N. Y.	6 00
ditto.	Frankfort, Ky.	30 00
ditto.	Washington, Penn.	20 00
ditto.	Allentown, N. J.	8 50
ditto.	Morristown, N. J.	38 50
ditto.	Deer Park, N. Y.	7 00
ditto.	Bridgetown, Cumberland co. N. J.	23 78
ditto.	Wall-street church, N. Y.	92 75
ditto.	Christiana, Del.	16 00
ditto.	Lexington, Ky.	100 00

Carried forward,

\$1422 10

<i>Brought forward,</i>		\$1422 11
Female Society of 2d church, Albany.		63 62½
Phebean society of Philadelphia,		89 00
Ladies of the 1st Presby. church, Charleston, S. C.		212 00
Some young gentlemen in Kentucky,		22 00
Monthly concert of prayer at Troy, N. Y.		67 79
ditto. Hempstead, L. I.		13 25
A former student who had received aid,		40 00
A few benevolent ladies of Mansfield, N. J.		21 00
John Stille, esq. Phil. for a particular student,		100 00
Grand Inquest of Newcastle county, Del.		16 00
Mr. L. H., Orange county, N. Y.		40 00
Female Heathen School Society, Ballston, N. Y.		20 00
Congregation of Back Creek and Third Creek, N. C.		46 00
ditto. Bethany, N. C.		41 00
ditto. Concord, N. C.		10 25
ditto. Hopewell, Ky.		26 00
Tract Society of Concord, N. C.		7 91
Col. Wm. Erwin, Burk county, N. C.		10 00
Industrious Society of Troy, N. Y.		24 00
Devotional Society of Troy, N. Y.		6 00
Cent Society of Cherry Spring, Ky.		50 00
Collection in Market-street church, Lexington, Ky.		21 50
Lady in Princeton,		10 00
Female Charitable Society of Bedford, N. Y.		20 00
On account of the annual interest of scholarships founded by students, some small portions of which were contributed by other individuals on their behalf,	}	399 97
Female praying society of Newcastle, Del.		16 00
Certain gentlemen in Kentucky,		40 00
		\$2855 40½

From the ladies of Indiantown Academy, S. C. a box containing three fine quilts, and some other small articles, and two dollars to defray the expense of transportation.

Do. Morristown, N. J. a valuable donation of bed clothes, a bundle of towels and pillow-cases, and a pair of shoes.

Industrious Society of Troy, N. Y. a package of clothing.

Through the year past there have been added to the library by donation from sundry individuals, and chiefly collected by two students in vacations, *five hundred and thirty-four* volumes, and 130 pamphlets—making the library now to consist of 1640 volumes, and 430 pamphlets.

On the subject of Building, the Board report that very little work has been done, through the past year, to the principal edifice. Only two additional lodging rooms have been finished. The whole number of rooms now completed for the accommodation

of students is twenty-eight. The three lower stories of the edifice are now finished, except the plastering of the second and third entries. The Professor's house is now completed, and is occupied by the Professor of Didactic and Polemic Divinity.

Agreeably to permission given by the last Assembly to the Professors, to appoint an assistant teacher of the original languages of Scripture in the Seminary, they have appointed Mr. Charles Hodge, late a pupil of the Seminary, and a licentiate under the care of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, to this office, with a salary of \$400 a-year. Half this salary has been paid by private subscription.

The last Assembly appropriated for the general purposes of the Institution, the sum of \$4,752 05½.

The expenditures for the general purposes of the Institution have been as follows, viz.

Salaries and house rent of Professors,	\$4,000 00
Half year's salary of assistant teacher of original languages of scripture,	200 00
Printing, blank books, stationary, Secretary's account, &c.	40 07½
Travelling expenses of one Director,	21 00
Treasurer's Commissions on the above, at one per cent.	42 61
Total,	<u>\$4,303 68½</u>

Leaving a balance of the appropriation of the last Assembly, unexpended, of \$448 44.

For Building, the last Assembly made no appropriation; but there was a balance of a former appropriation at the disposal of the Board, amounting to \$431 71; of this sum there has been expended for work done on the principal edifice.

An old account,	\$178 98
Putting up lightning rods,	34 75
Finishing two lodging rooms,	119 02
Treasurer's commissions on the above,	3 32
	<u>\$336 07</u>

Leaving still a balance unexpended of \$95 64

On the subject of the Professor's house, the Board report that they have paid through the past year for this building, the sum of \$845 85; the house is finished, and the sum of \$2150 is due for this building, which debt the Board have not the means to discharge.

To secure the Institution against loss by fire, the Board have resolved to effect an insurance on the principal edifice for \$15,000.

The Board have also to report that an official communication has been received from the Synod of N. Carolina, giving information that they had unanimously resolved to raise the sum of \$15,000 towards endowing a Professorship in the Seminary; and by a letter from an agent in the South, they have received the further information, that the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia had unanimously passed a vote to raise the like sum of \$15,000, to found, in connexion with the Synod of N. Carolina, a Professorship in the Seminary.

A communication has also been received from an executor of the last will and testament of the late John Harrison, Esq. of Princeton, informing the Board that Mr. Harrison had bequeathed to the Theological Seminary the sum of \$1,000; that the executor is ready to pay the sum of \$348 84; and that the residue will probably not be paid until the year 1830. The sum ready, they have directed to be paid to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly.

The Board have also to report the pleasing information, that James Nephew, Esq. of M'Intosh county, state of Georgia, has generously endowed a Scholarship in the Theological Seminary.

Signed by order of the Board,

ASHBEL GREEN, *President.*

JOHN M'DOWELL, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, May 21, 1821.

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 John Woodhull, D. D. 1st Vice-President,
 Jacob J. Janeway, D. D. 2d Vice-President.
 John McDowell, D. D. Secretary.

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MINISTERS.

Ashbel Green, D.D.
 John McDowell, D. D.
 John B. Romeyn, D. D.
 William Neill, D. D.
 Jacob J. Janeway, D. D.
 James Richards, D. D.
 Ebenezer Grant,
 Samuel Blatchford, D. D.
 John Johnston,
 Francis Herron,
 David Comfort,
 John E. Latta,
 Robert G. Wilson, D. D.
 Joseph Caldwell, D. D.
 Eliphalet Nott, D. D.
 Asa Hillyer, D. D.
 John Chester,
 John Woodhull, D. D.
 John H. Rice, D. D.
 Gardiner Spring, D. D.
 Matthew L. R. Perrine, D. D.

ELDERS.

Samuel Bayard,
 Thomas Bradford, jun.
 Benjamin Strong.

 Divie Bethune,
 Robert Lenox,
 Alexander Henry.

 Zechariah Lewis,
 John Van Cleve,
 Elias B. Caldwell.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Directors of the THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, present to the General Assembly, the following, as the Report of their proceedings, and of the state of the Seminary, through the last year :

THE number of students at the date of the last report was *seventy-three*. During the summer session the *four* following students were received, viz.

Holloway W. Hunt, jun. graduate of Nassau Hall, N. J.

Joseph S. Christmass, Washington, Penn.

Lemuel P. Bates, (licentiate) Williams, Mass.

Samuel Lawrence, candidate of Pres'y of Philadelphia.

The following students were regularly dismissed through the course of the summer session, viz. William Scott, William C. Blair, Robert R. King, Joshua N. Danforth, Alexander M'Farlane, Charles S. Stewart, Alfred Chester, and Lemuel P. Bates. George W. L. Smith and Cyrenius Crosby did not return after the spring vacation.

During the winter session, *thirty-one* additional students were received, viz.

Amzi Francis, graduate of Middlebury College, Ver.

Francis Bowman, University of Vermont.

Joseph Hurlbutt, Yale, Con.

Hanson Benedict, ditto.

Theodore D. Woolsey, ditto.

James H. Johnston, Hamilton, N. Y.

John V. S. Lansing, ditto.

Phinchas Robinson, ditto.

Joseph Myers, Union, N. Y.

John Young, jun. ditto.

James B. Hyndshaw, Nassau Hall, N. J.

John G. Rannells, ditto.

Moses C. Searle, ditto.

William G. Krebs, (Lutheran Ch.) ditto.

George A. Smith, (Episcopal Ch.) ditto.

Alexander Campbell, Jefferson, Penn.

David M'Kinney, ditto.

John M'Kinney, ditto.

Daniel A. Penick, Hampden Sydney, Vir.

Hugh Caldwell, ditto.

Samuel P. Pressley, University of Transylvania, Ken.

Elam J. Morrison,	University of N. Carolina.
George Dunham, of the State of Connecticut.	
Ambrose Edson,	ditto.
Henry G. Ludlow,	New-York.
Gilbert Crawford,	ditto.
James Chestney, jun.	ditto.
William F. Curry,	Kentucky.
Henry Duffield,	Pennsylvania.
William H. Collins,	Maryland.
James Kerr,	N. Carolina.

At the close of the summer session, certificates that they had completed the whole course prescribed in the plan, were given to the following *twelve* students, viz. Thomas Alexander, Joseph P. Cunningham, Thomson S. Harris, Daniel B. Johnson, Luke Lyons, James V. Henry, Joshua Moore, Robert A. Lapsley, Henry L. Rice, Andrew Todd, Daniel Waterbury, and William Henderson.

Through the course of the winter session, the following students withdrew in good standing, viz. Joseph Hurlbutt, Cyrus P. Grosvenor, Amzi Francis, George Dunham, and Henry Duffield; and the following students were regularly dismissed, viz. Abraham B. Hutton, George A. Smith, Artemas Bishop, and Hugh Wilson.

Mr. James B. Turner, a member of the first class, died in the Seminary, on the 21st day of February last.

The number of students now belonging to the Seminary is *sixty-five*.

Since the last annual report, the following students have been licensed to preach the Gospel, viz.

Joshua N. Danforth,	by the Pres'y of New-Brunswick.
Joshua Moore,	ditto.
William C. Blair,	ditto.
Charles S. Stewart,	ditto.
Henry L. Rice,	ditto.
Charles C. Beatty,	ditto.
Artemas Bishop,	ditto.
Hugh Wilson,	ditto.
James L. Marshall,	ditto.
Thomas C. Kennedy,	Newton.
Holloway W. Hunt,	ditto.
Daniel B. Johnson,	Jersey.
Edwin Downer,	ditto.
James M. Olmstead,	Troy.
Cyrus P. Grosvenor,	Assoc. of Massachusetts.

The studies which have been attended to through the year, by the several classes, are the same as have been repeatedly reported to the Assembly.

The semi-annual examinations of the students, have, as usual, been satisfactory to the Board.

The spirit of missions still continues, and increases among the students of the Seminary. Since the last report, Thompson S. Harris has been appointed by the Board of the United Foreign Missionary Society, to the superintendence of a mission among the Seneca tribe of Indians, and has entered upon the work assigned him. Mr. Charles S. Stewart, and Mr. Artemas Bishop have received and accepted appointments from the Board of Commissioners for foreign missions, to go to the Sandwich Islands; and expect shortly to embark for those distant islands of the sea; and Mr. Hugh Wilson has also accepted an appointment from the Missionary Society of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, to engage in a mission among the Chickasaw Indians.

On the subject of benefactions for the support of necessitous students, the Professors have reported the following sums, viz.

Ebenezer Presbytery, Ken.	-	-	-	\$27 00
Ladies of Columbia, S. C.	-	-	-	150 00
—— of Princess Anne and Wicomico, Mar.	-	-	-	49 12½
John Stille, Esq. Phila. for a particular student,				225 00
Mr. Collins of Rehoboth, Maryland,	-	-	-	20 00
Elizabeth Town, N. J. Female Society,	-	-	-	88 00
Lexington, Ken. paid to a student by themselves,				21 50
Rev. John Monteith, Prof. in Hamilton College,				10 00
Mrs. Monteith,	-	-	-	5 00
Anonymous, (a lady,)	-	-	-	10 00
Phebean Society of Philadelphia,	-	-	-	85 00
Mr. Archibald Falconer of New-York,	-	-	-	10 00
Female Industrious Society of Troy, N. Y.	-	-	-	10 00
A Gentleman of Philadelphia, by Rev. J. Van Court,				5 00
A Lady of ditto, by ditto,	-	-	-	5 00
Female Society of Jamaica, L. Island,	-	-	-	159 00
Annual avails of a Scholarship in the 1st Pres. }				175 00
Ch., Baltimore, paid by the Rev. Mr. Nevins, }				
Collection in Hopewell Church, Ken.	-	-	-	14 00
1st Church in Lexington, ditto,	-	-	-	27 00
Female Society of Goshen, N. Y.	-	-	-	31 00
—— 1st Church, Newark, N. J.	-	-	-	47 00
Contribution from the Ladies of Bloomingrove, N. Y.				32 50
Miss Nancy Henderson, Succasunna, N. J.	-	-	-	10 00
Collection at the monthly concert of prayer, Hempstead, Long Island,	-	-	-	15 00
Ladies of the Pres. Cong. of Georgetown, D. C.				28 00
Collected from a number of individuals in Somerset county, Maryland, by Mrs. Eliza Ker,				50 00
Female Heathen Society of Ballston, N. Y.	-	-	-	27 00
Female Society of Florida, N. Y.	-	-	-	22 00
Donation from Miss Batelle,	-	-	-	20 00
Female Society of Cedar-st church, N. Y.	-	-	-	218 00
Mr. M'Clery of Washington, D. C.	-	-	-	5 00

A Lady of Pennsylvania,	-	-	-	-	5	00
A Student in the Seminary,	-	-	-	-	5	00
Female Society of Scotch Town, N. Y.	-	-	-	-	20	00
Rev. Mr. Nevins, Baltimore, remitted for a particular student,	-	-	-	-	} 150	00
The Ladies of Princeton,	-	-	-	-		
Female Society of Allentown, N. J.	-	-	-	-	8	00
Female Society of New-Brunswick, N. J.	-	-	-	-	50	00
Pres. Newcastle, for a particular student,	-	-	-	-	40	00
Female Education Society of of Christiana, Delaware, for a particular student	-	-	-	-	} 18	77
From the Students of the different classes in the Seminary, being the annual interest on scholarship, &c.	-	-	-	-		
Collection at the Monthly Concert, in Troy, N. Y.	-	-	-	-	54	88
						\$2,412 53

The Professors have also reported the receipt of the following articles of furniture and clothing.

From the Female Praying Society of Wilmington, Delaware, the complete furniture of a room, valued by the donors at \$48 75.

The Reading and Sewing Society of Lawrence, N. J. five quilts, nine comfortables, three pillows, cloth for pantaloons and vest, one vest made up, two pair of stockings, one pair of socks, one pair of gloves, and four cravats.

Some Ladies of Philadelphia, by the Rev. J. Van Court, materials for a complete suit of clothes, two shirts, and one handkerchief.

Ladies of the 3rd Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, twelve comfortables, and thirty towels, by ditto.

Some Gentlemen of Philadelphia, twelve blankets, and two pair of boots, by ditto.

Female Industrious Society of Troy, N. Y. six shirts, twelve cravats, seven silk flags, and eight pair of stockings.

Female Praying Society of Newcastle, Delaware, seven comfortables.

A few small Girls of Newcastle, Del., two quilts.

Miss Jane Ross of N. Carolina, seven pair of stockings, and six cravats.

A valuable addition of books has been made to the library, through the year past, 382 volumes and 154 pamphlets have been presented by sundry individuals, and 37 volumes have been purchased. These added to the whole number, reported last year, make the library now to consist of 2,059 volumes, and 582 pamphlets. Among the donors of the last year, the Board beg leave, particularly, to mention the widow of the late Rev. Dr. Robert Finley, who has generously given 76 volumes;

and also, Mrs. Susan V. Bradford, who has given of the books bequeathed by her late father, Dr. Boudinot, which books she had a right to retain during her life, 177 volumes and 40 pamphlets.

On the subject of building, the Board have to report, that a contract has been made by the building committee for completing the whole of the internal part of the principal edifice. The sum which they have engaged to pay for this work, is \$1225. This sum is to be paid from the room-rent fund. This work will probably be finished before the commencement of the ensuing session.

Out of the \$3000 directed by the last General Assembly to be borrowed for the purpose, the debt of \$2150 incurred in building the Professor's house has been discharged. And the further sum of \$495 77 has been expended out of the same loan, for digging a well, erecting a stable, enclosing the yard, and some minor work on the premises connected with the Professor's house.

The last Assembly appropriated for the general purposes of the Institution, including the unexpended balance of the former year, the sum of \$4648 44.

The expenditures have been as follows, viz :

Salaries and house rent of Professor's,	-	-	\$2850 00
Balance for house rent of last year,	-	-	19 37½
Three quarters salary of the assistant teacher of } original languages of scripture,	-	-	300 00
Secretary's account,	-	-	25 28½
Printing last annual report,	-	-	17 50
Travelling expenses of one Director,	-	-	7 00
Hebrew books,	-	-	75 00
Treasurer's charge for postage on letters	-	-	1 30
Work done on the principal edifice and its premises } —stove in the library, and some smaller neces- } sary articles, -	-	-	187 92
Treasurer's commissions on the above, at 1 per cent.			34 83
			\$3518 21

Leaving a balance of the appropriation of last Assembly, unexpended, of \$1130 23.

The Board have however to remark, that there is due to each of the Professors and to the assistant teacher one quarter's salary, amounting to \$1050. This balance the Board have been unable to pay, for want of funds. This subject, the Board beg leave respectfully to suggest, claims the most serious attention of the General Assembly. The receipts into the contingent fund through the last year have not been near sufficient to meet the necessary expenses of the Institution.

The Board reported to the last Assembly that they had resolved to effect an insurance on the principal edifice, to secure

it against loss by fire. They have now to report, that \$15,000 has been insured for seven years, at the office of the Eagle Insurance Company, New York, at a premium of 37½ cents per annum, on every \$100.

Agreeably to the direction of the last Assembly, the Board applied to the Legislature of New Jersey at their sessions in November last, for an act of incorporation. The proposed act passed the Assembly, but did not pass the upper house, as the Board have understood for want of time duly to consider the subject. The Board at their late meeting have taken measures to renew the application at the next meeting of the Legislature.

The Board with pleasure inform the Assembly, that the first and third classes now in the Seminary, have each resolved to aid in founding a professorship of Oriental and Biblical literature. To effect this object, the Students of the first class have bound themselves to raise and pay, if practicable, in five years, the sums which they have respectively subscribed, amounting in the whole to about \$7000. And the Students of the third class have, on similar conditions, individually bound themselves in sums, amounting collectively to about \$4000.

The Board would further report, that at their late meeting they received from the executors of the late Dr. Elias Boudinot, an extract from his last Will and Testament, from which it appears, that he has bequeathed to the Seminary the greater part of his library, and the sum of \$5000 in money, after the decease of his daughter; and that he has also devised a tract of about 4000 acres of land, lying in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania. In consequence of this communication the Board passed the following resolution, viz :

“RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the General Assembly to order, that whenever the sum of \$5000, shall have been received from the Executors of the late Dr. Boudinot, two Scholarships shall be founded with said sum, under the names of the Boudinot and Bradford Scholarships; and that whenever the requisite sum for the establishment of one or more Scholarship or Scholarships, from the sale or profits of the land devised for the use of this Seminary be received, that the said Scholarship or Scholarships, shall be established under such names as Mrs. Susan V. Bradford shall suggest.”

The Board further report, that since the meeting of the last Assembly, the Rev. Ebenezer Grant, a Director of the Seminary, has departed this life. Two years of the term for which he was elected, yet remain. The Assembly will of course elect a Director to supply his place.

Signed by order of the Board,

JOHN WOODHULL, 1st VICE PRESIDENT.

JOHN M'DOWELL, Sec'y.

Philadelphia, May 17, 1822.

APPENDIX.

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John M'Dowell, D. D. Secretary.

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John H. Rice, D. D.

Asa Hillyer, D. D.

John Chester, D. D.

John Woodhull, D. D.

Thomas M'Auley, L. L. D.

Gardiner Spring, D. D.

Ashbel Green, D. D.

John M'Dowell, D. D.

John B. Romeyn, D. D.

William Neill, D. D.

Jacob J. Janeway, D. D.

James Richards, D. D.

Ezra S. Ely, D. D.

Samuel Blatchford, D. D.

John Johnston,

Francis Herron,

David Comfort,

John E. Latta,

Robert G. Wilson, D. D.

Joseph Caldwell, D. D.

ELDERS.

Zechariah Lewis,

John Van Cleve,

Elias B. Caldwell.

Samuel Bayard.

Thomas Bradford, jun.

Benjamin Strong.

Divie Bethune,

Robert Lenox,

Alexander Henry.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Directors of the THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, present to the General Assembly, the following, as the Report of their proceedings, and of the state of the Seminary, through the last year :

THE number of students at the date of the last report was *sixty-five*. During the summer session the *eight* following students were received, viz.

Robert M. Laird, graduate of Jefferson College, Penn.	
Jeptha Harrison,	Nassau Hall, N. J.
James Alexander,	Do.
Matthew L. Fullerton,	Union, N. Y.
George W. Campbell, (licentiate)	Do.
Samuel Steel, candidate of Presbytery of Philadelphia.	
Samuel Swan,	Do.
John Mitchelmore,	New-Brunswick.

During this session, James L. Marshall, James M. Olmstead and Francis Bowman were regularly dismissed.

During the winter session *forty-four* additional students were received, viz.

John Sessions, graduate of Dartmouth College, N. H.	
Amos Savage,	Middlebury, Ver.
Alvin H. Parker,	Do.
Josiah Bent,	Harvard, Mass.
William Augustus Porter,	Williams, Mass.
Sylvester Scovel,	Do.
John Peirce,	Brown, R. I.
Ebenezer H. Snowden,	Hamilton, N. Y.
William M'Jimsey,	Union, N. Y.
Lewis Bond,	Do.
Joshua A. Clayton,	Do.
Alfred E. Campbell,	Do.
Rodney A. Miller,	Do.
John M. Moore,	Do.
Goldsmith Denniston,	Do.
Horatio N. Brinsmade,	Yale, Conn.
Jared B. Waterbury,	Do.
Aratus Kent,	Do.
Joseph H. Coit,	Columbia, N. Y.
James H. Stuart,	Nassau Hall, N. J.
James Weatherby,	Do.
John W. Ward,	Do.
Edward N. Kirk,	Do.
William Brearly,	Do.

William H. Woodhull,	Nassau Hall, N. J.
John Lodor,	Do.
Charles W. Nassau,	University of Penn.
James B. Morrow,	Jefferson, Penn.
Samuel Reid.	Do.
M ^c Knight Williamson,	Do.
Richard Brown,	Do.
Samuel V. Marshall,	Transylvania University, Ken.
Benjamin O. Peers,	Do.
William J. Wilson,	Columbia, S. C.
Charles L. R. Boyd,	Do.
John Le Roy Davies,	University of N. C.
William G. Bradford,	candidate of Pres. of North River.
Luther Clarke,	Do.
William C. Kniffen,	Do.
Charles Thompson,	Pres. of Philadelphia.
John Burt,	Do.
Joseph Nimmo,	candidate of Presbytery of Hanover.
Thomas J. A. Mines,	Maryland.
G. W. Ridgely.	Kentucky.

At the close of the summer session, certificates that they had completed the whole course prescribed in the plan were given to the following *seven* students; viz. Robert Baird, Charles C. Beatty, James Douglass, Edward Downer, Moses T. Harris, John Hudson and Alexander Williamson.

During the winter session, the following students withdrew in good standing, viz. George Bush, William F. Curry, James G. M^cNeely, Daniel Young, David M^cKinney, Samuel Reid, and John Lodor; and the following students were regularly dismissed, viz. George Potts, Holloway W. Hunt, John Breckenridge, James G. Hamner, Elam J. Morrison, Robert M. Laird, Samuel Steel, George W. Campbell, Aratus Kent and John Burt.

William G. Krebs, of the second class, died in the Seminary, Nov. 26th, and John Rannels, of the same class, died a few weeks since in Virginia, as he was returning to his friends.

The whole number of students connected with the Seminary during the winter session was *ninety-six*. The number now in connexion with it is *eighty-five*.

Since the last annual report, the following students have been licensed to preach the gospel, viz.

Robert Baird,	by the Presbytery of New-Brunswick.
John Breckenridge,	Do.
Augustus L. Chapin,	Do.
Gilbert Crawford,	New-Bruswick.
Albert Barnes,	Do.
Charles C. Darling,	Do.
Nathaniel A. Pratt,	Do.

John Maclean,	New-Brunswick.
Daniel Young,	Hudson.
James Douglass,	New-Castle.
Robert M. Laird,	Do.
Holloway W. Hunt, Jun.	Newton.
John H. Kennedy,	Carlisle
John Burt,	Philadelphia.
Samuel Swan,	Do.
Samuel Lawrence,	Do.
James G. Hamner,	Hanover.
Edward E. Gregory,	Albany.
Eldad W. Goodman,	Do.
George Bush,	New-York.
Joseph Sanford,	Do.
John Blatchford,	Do.

The studies which have been attended to through the year are the same as have been repeatedly reported to the Assembly.

The semi-annual examinations of the students have, as usual, been satisfactory to the Board.

On the subject of benefactions for the support of necessitous students, the Professors have reported the following sums, viz.

From Paris, Kentucky, - - - - -	\$ 15 00
Mr. Jedediah Tracy, Troy, N. Y. - - - - -	18 87½
Mr. John Stille, Philadelphia, for a particular student,	125 00
Students of Morristown Academy, N. J. - - - - -	1 50
Several persons in Morristown, - - - - -	3 50
Female Society in Elizabethtown, N. J. for a particular student, - - - - -	55 00
Female Cent Society of Bloominggrove, N. Y. - - - - -	33 73
Female Cent Society of Jamaica, L. I. - - - - -	103 58
Concert of Prayer, Hempstead, L. I. - - - - -	12 50
Rev. Dr. Ely of Phila. for a particular student,	50 00
Do. to discharge the room rent of three students,	30 00
Mrs. Margaret Carswell of Phila. for a particular student, - - - - -	12 50
Master Matthew W. Carswell of do. for do. - - - - -	12 50
Ladies of Staunton, Virginia, - - - - -	74 00
Phebean Society of Phila. for two students, - - - - -	71 00
Mr. Daniel Thatcher of Phila. for a particular student,	50 00
Several Ladies of Richmond, Virginia, - - - - -	10 00
Female Education Society of Paris, Ken. for a particular student, - - - - -	35 62½
Pres. Congregation of do. for do. - - - - -	12 62½
Lady, of do. for do. - - - - -	5 00
Female Cent Society of Bridgetown, West Jersey,	52 00
Person unknown, from Goochland, Vir. for a particular student, - - - - -	10 00

Female Cent Society of Goshen, N. Y. - - -	9 75
Mrs. Mary Ann Ely, Phila. for a particular student,	20 00
Cent Society of the first Pres. church Albany,	40 00
Cent Society of Morristown, N. J. - - -	25 00
Second Female Cent Society of Wall street ch. N. Y.	74 00
Pres. ch. Georgetown, D. C. for a particular student,	25 00
Female Cent Society of Newtown, L. I. - - -	51 00
Ladies of Princeton, N. J. - - - - -	77 00
Mr. Donald M'Donald, Caledonia, N. Y. - - -	5 00
Female Society of Cedar-street church, N. Y.	174 00
Remains of a Cent Society, Trenton, N. J. - -	2 50
Female Heathen School Society, Ballston, N. Y.	20 00
Female Cent Society, Allentown, N. J. - - -	7 00
Deacon John Ashley, West Springfield, Mass. -	50 00
Female Cent Society, Scotch Town, N. Y. - -	13 00
Cong. and Pres. Female Association of Charles- ton S. C. for a particular student, }	150 00
Rev. Mr. Monteith, Professor, Hamilton Col. N. Y.	20 00
Female Society of Bedford, N. Y. - - -	10 00
Mrs. Nieukirk, Pittsgrove, West Jersey, - - -	6 00
Students of the Seminary on account of interest on several scholarships established by them, }	152 95
Rev. Dr. Ely, Phila. for two students, - - -	100 00
Presbytery of Hudson for a particular student,	29 50
Female Industrious Society of Troy, N. Y.	15 00
Female Charitable Society of Bedford, N. Y. for a particular student, }	10 00
Concert of prayer, Troy N. Y. - - - - -	30 00

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The Professors have also reported the receipt of the following articles of furniture and clothing.

From the District of Columbia, a package of second hand clothes, coats, vests, pantaloons, &c.

Reading Society of Morristown, N. J. a package containing 7 shirts, 6 cravats, and 6 pair of stockings.

From certain individuals in Morristown, 4 pillow cases, 2 towels, 3 pair of stockings, cloth for pantaloons, and one comfortable.

Two ladies in Reading, Pennsylvania, three comfortables.

Female Benevolent Association of Newton N. J. 2 comfortables, 3 quilts, 1 pair sheets, 2 pair pillow cases, and 1 napkin.

Dorcas Society of New York, a package containing a large number of shirts. Several similar donations have been before made by that society.

A very handsome quilt made by Miss Sophia M. Johnston, daughter of the Rev. John Johnston, Newburgh, N. Y. and finished when she was only 3 years 9 months and 9 days old.

Female Industrious Society of Troy, N. Y. a package containing 8 shirts, 7 silk handkerchiefs, 16 cravats, 3 pair of suspenders and 1 towel.

The number of books presented to the library through the year past has been small, compared with preceding years. Only twenty volumes have been received. To these the Board have the pleasure to report, have been added the valuable library of the late Theological Seminary of the Associate Reformed Synod. Shortly after the last Assembly rose, this library, together with the valuable cases in which it was contained, were delivered by a committee of the late Associate Reformed Synod, to a committee of the Board of Directors. The books and cases were received into the Seminary in the month of June last. On this subject, the librarian in his report to the Board, remarks, "The number of volumes is between 2400 and 2500. They are, with some exceptions, in very good condition as to binding, &c. generally excellent editions, and making altogether a collection equally rare and valuable, and fully answering, it is believed, any expectations that may have been formed respecting it." The whole library now consists of about 4,500 volumes, and nearly 600 pamphlets.

On the subject of building, the Board have to report, that through the year past the two upper entries in the principal edifice have been completed, so far as regards the mason's and carpenter's work, and such painting as is needed has been directed. The expense for the work done has been paid from the room rent fund. Some work has also been done on the Professor's house and its premises.

The last Assembly appropriated for the general purposes of the Institution, including the unexpended balance of the former year, the sum of \$5430 23.

The expenditures have been as follows, viz.

One quarter's salary due two of the Professors on the last year,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$950 00
Salaries of the three Professors during the year which has now closed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4200 00
Boxing the books of the Library of the Theological Seminary of the Associate Reformed Synod, and removing them and the book cases from New York to Princeton,	-	-	-	-	-	-	85 70½
Secretary's account for services, stationary, postage, and printing circulars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	31 30
Printing the last annual report,	-	-	-	-	-	-	17 50
Travelling expenses of one Director,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
Treasurer's account for postage,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 40
Treasurer's commissions on the above, at 1 per cent.							53 05

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Leaving of the appropriation of the last Assembly, unexpended \$71 27½.

Agreeably to the order of the last Assembly, the Board addressed a circular letter to a number of congregations, requesting a collection to relieve the Contingent Fund from the embarrassment reported in the last annual report of the Board. In consequence of this request, a number of congregations made collections, and transmitted them to the Treasurer of the General Assembly.

At the late sessions of the Legislature of New Jersey, the application for an act of incorporation was renewed.—An act has passed that body, which act the Board beg leave, herewith to lay before the Assembly for their consideration.

The Board have the pleasure to inform the Assembly, that a Scholarship in the Theological Seminary has lately been founded, by Mr. William Scott, a member of the First Presbyterian Congregation in Elizabethtown, New Jersey.

The principles on which this generous endowment has been made, the Board beg leave to report to the Assembly, in the words of the written communication of Mr. Scott.—“The terms on which I found a Scholarship are the following: I retain in my own hands the right of nominating the scholar as long as I live, and, if I leave a widow, she is to have the same right during her life; and after her decease, the right is to be vested forever, in the session of the First Presbyterian Church, Elizabethtown.”

The Board would here respectfully suggest to the Assembly, whether there are not some wealthy and liberal congregations, who would be willing to endow scholarships in the Seminary, vesting in their own sessions the right of nominating the students who from time to time shall receive the benefit of the funds thus created. The raising of sufficient funds for the support of indigent theological students, is an exceedingly important object. Much has been done in years past by the liberality of Female Societies, and the Board fondly hope that these salutary streams of benevolence will continue to flow; but these associations cannot be relied on as affording a permanent aid. Already many have been discontinued, and many promising students cannot receive the important benefits of our Seminary for want of the means of support.

The report of the Professors made to the Board at their meeting the last week, contains on this subject, the following paragraph, to which the Board beg leave to call the attention of the Assembly.—“Several of the students have been obliged to withdraw from the Seminary, and apply themselves to teaching, as a means of support. The Professors fear that other students, who have been hitherto able to pursue their studies with tolerable comfort, will be obliged, on account of the fail-

ure of their funds, to resort to the same means. The funds for the aid of indigent students, in the hands of the Professors, are almost entirely exhausted. And in consequence of this, they have been under the painful necessity of returning an unfavourable answer to a number of applications for aid, which have been presented by young men of hopeful piety, and promising talents, and who are likely, on this account, to be prevented from entering our Seminary." The facts in the above paragraph, the Board would remark, loudly call upon the friends of the Seminary, and the friends of religion, to awake to renewed exertion to provide the means of support for indigent students, who may desire to receive the benefits of the instructions of the Theological Seminary.

The Board beg leave also to state to the Assembly, that the Contingent Fund, they understand, will be entirely inadequate to meet the current expenses of the Institution for the ensuing year; and that it will be necessary the Assembly should devise some measures to replenish this fund.

The Board would further report, that at their meeting last week they made some alterations in the plan of boarding the students. These alterations will be best understood, by the following extracts from their minutes.

"Resolved, that for the year ensuing the commencement of the next fall session of the Seminary, the Steward be, and hereby is proffered the use of the rooms which he now occupies in the Seminary, and of the garden, free of rent, and that he be authorised to board such students, as may choose to board with him, at such rate per week as may be mutually agreed upon by him and them; provided the said rate be not more than two dollars per week.

Resolved, that for the year ensuing from the same time, any student of the Seminary be, and he hereby is allowed to board either with the steward, or with any other family in Princeton, which may be deemed suitable by the Professors of the Seminary.

Resolved, that each student be, and he hereby is required, to lodge and study in the Seminary, according to the regulations of this Board, heretofore adopted.

Resolved, that for the ensuing session, the students shall not be compelled to board in the Refectory, when in the opinion of the Faculty, their pecuniary necessities are urgent, and they can obtain relief by boarding out of the Refectory."

Signed by order of the Board,

ASHBEL GREEN, *President.*

JOHN M'DOWELL, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, May 20, 1823.

The Professors of the Seminary, are--

Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D. Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology.

Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D. Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.

Rev. Charles Hodge, Professor of Oriental and Biblical Literature.

Nine Scholarships have been founded, viz.

1. *The Le Roy Scholarship*, } Both founded by Mrs. Martha Le Roy, New
2. *The Bunger Scholarship*, } York.
3. *The Lenox Scholarship*, founded by Robert Lenox, Esq. of New-York.
4. *The Whitehead Scholarship*, founded by John Whitehead, Esq. of Burke County, Georgia.
5. *The Charleston Female Scholarship*, founded by the Congregational and Presbyterian Female Association of Charleston, S. C. for assisting in the education of pious youth for the gospel ministry.
6. ———, founded by the first class in the Seminary, in 1819.
7. *The Nephew Scholarship*, founded by James Nephew, Esq. of M'Intosh county, Georgia.
8. *The Woodhull Scholarship*, founded by Mrs. Hannah Woodhull, of Brookhaven, Long Island.
9. *The Scott Scholarship*, founded by Mr. William Scott, of Elizabeth Town, New Jersey.

The Officers of the Board of Directors, are—

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Jacob J. Janeway, D. D. 2nd Vice-President.

John M'Dowell, D. D. Secretary.

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Samuel Blatchford, D. D.
John E. Latta,
Francis Herron,
John Johnston,
David Comfort,
Joseph Caldwell, D. D.
John M. Duncan.

Eliphalet Nott, D. D.
John H. Rice, D. D.
Asa Hillyer, D. D.
John Chester, D. D.
John Woodhull, D. D.
Thomas M'Auley, D. D.
Gardiner Spring, D. D.

Ashbel Green, D. D.
John M'Dowell, D. D.
John B. Romeyn, D. D.
William Neill, D. D.
Jacob J. Janeway, D. D.
James Richards, D. D.
Ezra S. Ely, D. D.

ELDERS.

Divie Bethune,
Alexander Henry,
Eleazar Lord.

Zechariah Lewis,
John Van Cleve,
Elias B. Caldwell.

Samuel Bayard,
Thomas Bradford, jun.
Benjamin Strong.

Twelfth Annual Report

OF THE

Board of Directors of the THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, present to the General Assembly, the following, as the Report of their proceedings, and of the state of the Seminary, through the last year :

THE number of students at the date of the last report was *eighty-five*. During the summer session the following *thirteen* students were received, viz.

Oren Hyde, graduate of Middlebury College, Ver.	
Abraham O. Halsey,	Union, N. Y.
Jonathan Dickerson,	Do.
Ebenezer Mason,	New Jersey College.
William Ramsey,	Do.
Joseph B. Adams,	Jefferson, Penn.
Wells Bushnell,	Do.
James Campbell,	Columbia, S. C.
Josiah B. Wilkinson, candidate of Presbytery of Jersey.	
Caspar Schaeffer,	Philadelphia.
Eusebius Logan,	Orange, N. C.
Samuel Taylor,	Ebenezer, Ken.
Joseph H. Jones, licentiate of Presbytery of Susquehanna.	

During the winter session *fifty-six* additional students were received, as follows, viz.

Amasa Converse, graduate of Dartmouth College, N. H.	
Henry Wood,	Do.
Samuel A. Bumstead,	Middlebury, Ver.
Hiram Chamberlain,	Do.
Daniel C. Axtell,	Hamilton, N. Y.
Alvin Lathrop,	Do.
James R. Boyd,	Union, N. Y.
Hiram P. Goodrich,	Do.
William Lusk,	Do.
John W. Nevin,	Do.
James Wood,	Do.
John A. Proudfit, (Asso. Ref.)	Do.
John W. M. Jimsey,	Do.
Job F. Halsey,	Do.
Richard W. Dickinson,	Yale, Conn.
John Smith,	Do.
Isaac Peck,	Do.
William D. Cairns,	Do.
Stephen Peet,	Do.

Mancius S. Hutton,	Columbia, N. Y.
Noel Robertson,	Do.
Alexander Aikman,	New Jersey,
Zebulon Butler,	Do.
John Dorrance,	Do.
William Neill,	Do.
Joseph M. Ogden,	Do.
Thomas A. Ogden,	Do.
Edward D. Smith,	Do.
Nicholas A. Wilson,	Do.
Alexander Heberton,	Univ. Pennsylvania.
George W. Bethune,	Dickinson, Penn.
William H. Williams,	Do.
William L. Helfenstein,	Do.
James Holmes,	Do.
Alexander H. Codwise, (Epis.)	Do.
William Lowrey,	Jefferson, Penn.
Jacob Beecher, (Germ. Ref.)	Do.
Jacob Wolf,	Washington, Penn.
William R. Bowman, (Epis.)	Do.
Alexander Logan,	Western Univ Penn.
George W. Ashbridge,	Transylvania, Ken.
Simeon H. Crane,	Do.
Lewis D. Howell,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Samuel L. Watson,	Columbia, S. C.
James Crawford, Candidate under Pres. of Louisville, K.	
Samuel Gregg,	Do.
James H. Logan,	Do.
William L. Marshall,	West Lexington, Ken.
John A. M'Clung,	Ebenezer, Ken.
Nathaniel M. Urmston,	Do.
Lorrin Andrews,	Do.
John L. Grant,	Philadelphia.
David Currie,	Asso. Ref. Pres. Saratoga, N. Y.
William H. Talbot,	Westminster Asso. Mass.
James Bucknall,	New Jersey.
Bernard Jadownicky, a converted Jew of Poland.	

The highest number of students in the Seminary at one time, through the year has been *one hundred and sixteen*. The number now in connexion with the Seminary, is *one hundred and thirteen*.

At the close of the summer session, certificates that they had completed the whole course prescribed in the plan were given to the following *nine* students ; viz. Albert Barns, Charles C. Darling, Eldad W. Goodman, Baynard R. Hall, John H.

Kennedy, John Knox, Nathaniel A. Pratt, Joseph Sandford, and George Stebbins.

The semi-annual examinations of the students have, as usual, been satisfactory to the Board.

On the subject of benefactions for the support of necessitous students, the Professors have reported the following sums, viz.

Congregational & Presbyterian Female Association of Charleston, S. C. for a particular student,	\$150 00
Female Praying Association of the First Presbyterian Church, Albany, paid to a particular student by themselves, - - - - -	80 00
Female Cent Society of the First Pres. Church Albany, paid to a particular student by themselves,	102 00
Female friend of Princeton, - - - - -	5 00
Ananias Platt, Esq. Albany, - - - - -	40 00
Female Cent Society of New Brunswick, N. J.	40 00
Mrs. Margaret Carswell, Phila. for two students, by the hands of Rev. Dr. Ely, - - -	20 00
A person, anonymous, - - - - -	6 00
Female Society of Elizabeth-town, N. J. paid to a particular student, by themselves, - -	25 00
Rev. Archibald Cameron of Kentucky, for a particular student, - - - - -	70 00
Female Cent Society of Jamaica, L. I. - -	90 52
Female Cent Society of Morristown, N. J. paid to a particular Student, by themselves, - -	76 50
Collection in the Church of Morristown, N. J. for a particular student, - - - - -	41 50
Phebean Society of Philadelphia, - - - -	57 00
Ladies' Society of Princeton, - - - - -	55 00
Ebenezer Presbytery, for a particular student, -	20 00
Female Charitable Society of Amsterdam N. Y. paid to a particular student by themselves, -	20 00
A Gentleman, of Jamaica, L. I. by the hands of the Rev. Dr. Blatchford, for a particular student,	50 00
Second Female Cent Society of First Presbyterian Church, N. Y. - - - - -	58 00
Ladies of Frankfort, Kentucky, - - - -	27 00
Female Cent Society of Newtown, L. I. - -	51 25
A former student who had been aided, - -	50 00
Female Evangelical Society of Montgomery, N. Y.	30 00
Female Society of Cedar street Church, N. Y.	144 00
Ladies of Newburgh and New Windsor, N. Y.	35 00
Ladies of Blooming Grove, N. Y. - - -	30 41
Poor Widow, - - - - -	1 00
Female Cent Society of Allentown, N. J. - -	6 50

Female Cent Society of Maysville, Ken. for a particular student, - - - - -	31 50
Female Cent Society of Washington, Ken. for a particular student, - - - - -	19 00
Rev. Mr. Edgar, of Maysville, Ken. for Do. -	11 00
Monthly Concert Society of Louisville, Ken. for two students, - - - - -	51 00
Collected for ditto at Charleston, Indiana, - -	7 50
Female Cent Society of Hanover and Madison, Indiana, for ditto, - - - - -	17 00
Students of the Seminary, on account of interest on the several Scholarships established by them	258 13
Rev. Dr. Ely of Philadelphia, for a student, -	25 00
Rev. John Monteith, - - - - -	10 00
Female Association of Ballston, N. Y. by the hands of the Rev. Henry R. Weed, paid to a particular student, - - - - -	20 00
First Church Pittsburgh, paid to a particular student by themselves, - - - - -	140 00
Female Cent Society of Goshen, N. Y. - -	12 25
Industrious Society of Troy, - - - - -	15 00
Female Charitable Society of Bedford, N. Y. -	10 00
Female Education Society of Erie Congregation, Pa.	17 00
Fem. Ass. of Second Pres. Ch. Charleston, S. C.	150 00
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The professors have also reported to the Board, that the following contributions in clothing and bedding, has been received viz.

One box of clothes from the ladies of Staunton, Virginia, containing cloth for 1 pair pantaloons, also 1 vest pattern, 7 shirts, 9 cravats, and one pair woollen socks.

Four pair of cotton sheets, received from Miss Olivia Sproat, Philadelphia.

Two pair of sheets, and 1 pair of pillow cases, from Lyons Farms Spinning Society, in the bounds of Elizabethtown, N. J. N. B. This Society contributed last year several articles of bedding which were omitted in the last report.

Clothing valued at \$26 50 from the Female Cent Society of Morristown, N. J. Also from the ladies of Morristown, N. J. a coat, towel and quilt.

Mr. Elisha W. Cook of Philadelphia, by the hands of Rev. Dr. Ely, for a particular student, new clothing which cost \$45.

From a gentleman in Allentown, N. J. a quantity of linen, flannel, cambrick, and 3 pair of shoes, the whole valued at \$15 45. This donation ought to have been acknowledged in

the last report—From the same gentleman recently 3 pair of stockings.

Twelve pair short woollen stockings, from the Female Missionary Society of Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

Three comfortables, and one pair of sheets, from Mrs. Brittan of New York.

A box from a few ladies of the Presbyterian Congregation of Bedford, N. Y. containing the following articles, 4 yards of cloth, one woollen comfortable, 2 cotton quilts, 5 pair of sheets, 11 pair of pillow cases, 7 pair of stockings, and 9 towels, the whole valued at \$44.

From ladies of Newburgh and New Windsor, N. Y. one pair woollen stockings, one shirt, and $3\frac{1}{2}$ yards of muslin.

From the Dorcas Society of New York, a package containing a number of shirts.

A quilt made by a little girl of five years old, under the inspection of Mrs. Green, wife of the Rev. Jacob Green of Bedford, N. Y.

From the Industrious Society of Troy, a package containing 6 shirts, 12 cravats, 3 pair socks, 2 handkerchiefs, and 3 pillow cases.

On the subject of benefactions for the assistance of necessitous students, while the Board would express their gratitude for the amount of benefactions reported, they beg leave to remark, that such benefactions are as much needed now, as they ever were, and especially as the number of students, has been greatly increased.

The number of volumes which have been presented to the library through the year is 27. Of these, the Board beg leave particularly to notice, 11 volumes octavo, in elegant binding, presented by the Hon. William Wilberforce of London.

The last Assembly appropriated for the general purposes of the Institution, the sum of \$4,500. Of this there has been expended for Professors' salaries, house-rent, and contingencies, \$4214 55.

Agreeably to the order of the last Assembly, the Board at an early period, addressed a circular letter to a number of congregations, requesting a collection for the Contingent Fund; in consequence of which a *few* collections were made, and transmitted to the treasurer of the General Assembly.

Agreeably to the directions of the last Assembly, the Board applied to the Legislature of New Jersey, at their last session, for a repeal or modification of the last section of the Act passed at the preceding session, entitled, "An Act for Incorporating Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian

Church, at Princeton, New Jersey." The Board are happy to inform the Assembly, that they have succeeded in procuring a supplement to said Act. In consequence of this they have adopted the following resolution; viz. *Resolved*, That the Board recommend to the General Assembly to accept of the afore-said charter, with the supplement.*

The Board have the pleasure to inform the Assembly, that since the meeting of the last Assembly, an individual in the First Presbyterian Congregation in Elizabeth-town, whose name is concealed, has transmitted to the treasurer of the Assembly, through the hands of the Rev. Dr. John M'Dowell, for the Students' Permanent Fund, the sum of \$1,280. Dr. M'Dowell informed the Board, that the same individual had, at different times, given sums to the Seminary which amount in the whole, with the sum just mentioned, to \$2,500. Of this sum \$1,930 were specially given to the Students' Permanent Fund; nothing but the interest to be used. In consequence of these donations, the Board recommend to the Assembly, to order that the sum of \$2,500 be appropriated out of the Students' Permanent Fund, to endow a Scholarship, to bear such name as the generous individual above mentioned may give it. And that the said individual have the right to point out by whom the scholar to be from time to time received on this scholarship shall be named.†

Signed by order of the Board,
ASHBEL GREEN, *President*.

JOHN M'DOWELL, *Secretary*.

Philadelphia, May 29, 1824.

* The General Assembly have accepted of this charter with its supplement. —The Seminary is therefore now incorporated; and its friends are informed that the corporate name is "*Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church*."

† The above recommendation to endow a Scholarship has been adopted by the Assembly.

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Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D. Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.

Rev. Charles Hodge, Professor of Oriental and Biblical Literature.

Ten Scholarships have been founded, viz.

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2. *The Banyer Scholarship*, } Roy, New-York.
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8. *The Woodhull Scholarship*, founded by Mrs. Hannah Woodhull, of Brookhaven, Long Island.
9. *The Scott Scholarship*, founded by Mr. William Scott, of Elizabethtown, New Jersey.
10. *The ——— Scholarship*, founded by ——— of Elizabethtown, New Jersey.

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The present Directors of the Seminary, are—

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 Jacob J. Janeway, D. D.
 Ezra S. Ely, D. D.
 John B. Romeyn, D. D.
 Henry R. Weed.
 Samuel Blatchford, D. D.
 John E. Latta,
 Francis Herron, D. D.
 John Johnston,
 David Comfort,
 Joseph Caldwell, D. D.
 John M. Duncan,
 Eliphalet Nott, D. D.
 John H. Rice, D. D.
 Asa Hillyer, D. D.
 John Chester, D. D.
 John Woodhull, D. D.
 Thomas M^cAuley, D. D.
 Gardiner Spring, D. D.

ELDERS.

Samuel Bayard,
 Thomas Bradford, jun.
 Benjamin Strong.
 Divie Bethune,
 Alexander Henry,
 Eleazar Lord.
 Zechariah Lewis,
 John Van Cleve,
 Elias B. Caldwell.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

Theological Seminary.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, present to the General Assembly, the following as the report of their proceedings, and of the state of the Seminary through the last year :

THE number of students at the date of the last report, was *one hundred and thirteen*. During the summer session, *six* new students were received, viz.

Curtis C. Baldwin, graduate of Hamilton College, N. Y.

Jeremiah Wood Union, do.

Robert Henry Jefferson, Penn.

Daniel L. Carroll do.

Samuel D. Blythe Transylvania Univ. Ken.

E. H. Adams, candidate of Pres. of West Lexington.

During the winter session, *thirty-eight* additional students were received, viz.

Theophilus Packard, graduate of Amherst College, Mas.

Charles Hall Hamilton, N. Y.

Henry Morris do.

Clifford Arms Union, N. Y.

Gerrish Barrett do.

Hervey Hayes do.

Henry Lyon do.

Cyrus Mason do.

Samuel Schaffer do.

Henry White do.

George B. Whiting do.

Thomas W. Coit Yale, Conn.

Robert Hall Nassau Hall, N. J.

Thomas L. Janeway Univ. of Pennsylvania.

John H. Agnew Dickinson, Penn.

William Annan do.

William Cahoon, jr.	Dickinson, Penn.
William P. Cochran	do.
John M. Dickey	do.
Isaac McIlvaine	do.
Daniel McKinley	do.
John C. Young	do.
James Nourse	Jefferson, Pennsylvania.
Samuel C. Jennings	do.
William Sickels	do.
Samuel Bryson	Western University, Penn.
Daniel Derwell	cand. of Pres. of New Brunswick.
Thomas Cole	New Castle.
Robert McCachren	do.
Peter Hassinger	do.
A. G. Morrison	do.
Thomas W. Irwin	Philadelphia.
Henry Aurand	do.
Briton E. Collins	do.
J. B. McCreary	do.
George Printz	do.
Samuel R. Alexander	Ebenezer.
Lewis McLeod,	Licentiate of Pres. of West Tennessee.

The highest number of students in the Seminary at one time through the year, has been *one hundred and eleven*. The number now in connexion with it, is *one hundred and five*.

At the close of the summer session, certificates that they had completed the whole course prescribed in the Plan, were given to the following *seven* young men, viz. Alanson Benedict, James D. Hyndshaw, James H. Johnston, Daniel A. Penick, Samuel A. Pressley, Joseph Myers, and Moses C. Searle.

The Board regret, that out of a class, once consisting of more than thirty members, so small a number should have completed the whole course prescribed in the Plan of the Seminary.

The semi-annual examinations of the students have, as usual, been highly satisfactory to the Board.

On the subject of benefactions for the support of necessitous students, the Professors have reported the following sums, viz.

Pittsburg Education Society, paid to a particular

Student by themselves	- - - -	\$90 00
Ladies of Staunton, Virginia	- - - -	30 00
Female Society of Newton, Long-Island	- - - -	50 00
Do. do. Florida, N. Y.	- - - -	17 00
Do. do. Elizabeth town, N. J. for a particular student	- - - -	50 00
Female Society of Jamaica, L. I.	- - - -	45 20
Do. Friend, Princeton, N. J.	- - - -	5 00
Ladies Society of Princeton, N. J.	- - - -	77 00

Amount carried forward, - - - 364 20

Amount brought forward	- - - - -	\$364 20
Phebean do. Philadelphia	- - - - -	40 00
Female Friend	- - - - -	2 00
Some Ladies of Somerset County, Mar. collected by the late Mrs. E. M. Ker	- - - - -	20 00
Ladies of Wall Street Church, N. Y.	- - - - -	37 00
Collected in Indiana, for two particular students, by the Rev. Mr. Crow	- - - - -	62 00
A student formerly benefitted by the charitable fund		50 00
Rev. J. M. Dickey, for two particular students		8 30
Society in Mr. Park's school, Madison, Indiana,		3 80
Society in Hanover, Indiana,	- - - - -	3 80
Female Societies of Madison and Hanover, with se- veral congregational collections, for two parti- cular students	- - - - -	41 40
Female Society in Cedar Street Church, N. Y.		168 00
Students of the Seminary on account of the several scholarships established by them	- - - - -	58 00
Female cent Society of the 1st Pres. Church, Alba- ny, paid to a particular student by themselves		100 00
Annanias Platt, Esq. Albany	- - - - -	20 00
Female cent Society of Amsterdam, N. Y. for a particular student	- - - - -	60 00
		\$1038 50

The Professors have also reported the following contributions,
viz.

A bed quilt and comfortable, from some ladies of Hanover,
N. J.

10½ yards of blue cloth, from a friend in Allentown, N. J.

6 pair of stockings, from Kingston, N. J.

6 shirts and 2 pair of stockings, from a Society in Morris-
town, N. J.

From Mr. James Holmes, 1 cot, 3 sheets, 1 coverlet, 1 fea-
ther bed, 1 chair, 1 desk, and 1 candlestick.

A person in Orange County, N. Y. 1 pair of socks.

Mr. D. M'Kinney, 1 pillow, and 1 table.

A Society in Lyons farms, Elizabethtown, N. J. three pair of
sheets, and three pair of pillow cases.

Mr. R. Henry, 1 straw bed.

Mr. J. Wood, 1 pillow case.

A person unknown, 25 pillow cases, 10 sheets, 9 towels, and
1 quilt.

Some ladies of Newark, N. J. 6 pair of stockings.

Young ladies of Middle Spring Cong. Pennsylvania, 26 pair
of stockings, 2 cravats, and cash fifty cents.

A lady in Luzerne County, Penn. 1 pair of pillow cases.

Mr. M. L. Fullerton, 1 cot, 1 bed, 1 pillow, 1 bolster, 1 blanket, 1 shovel and pair of tongs, paper and brush.

Some ladies in Perth Amboy, N. J. 6 cravats.

Ladies of Harrisburg, Penn. 11 sheets, 4 pillows, 23 pillow cases, 25 towels, 1 blanket, 1 bed quilt, and 4 comfortables.

Congregation of Newtown, Penn. 1 bed, 1 bolster, 2 pillows, 2 pillow cases, 2 sheets, 1 blanket, 1 comfortable, 1 coverlet, and 1 pair of stockings.

Some ladies in Trenton, N. J. 5 shirts.

Ladies of Wilmington, Delaware, 1 comfortable, 1 bed quilt, 1 sheet, 2 pillow cases, 2 towels, and 4 curtains.

A few volumes of books have been added to the library by donations, through the past year. On the subject of the Library, the Board would inform the Assembly, that the books of the Seminary are deposited in two distinct Libraries, kept in different rooms; and that on the recommendation of the Professors, the Board have named one of these, *The Green Library*, in honour of the Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D. President of the Board of Directors, from whom it has received a more valuable donation, than from any other individual; and that they have named the other, which is the Library received from the Associate Reformed Synod, *The Mason Library*, in honour of the Rev. John M. Mason, D. D. the late President of the Theological School, with which it was formerly connected, and to whose exertions, chiefly, it owes its existence.

The last Assembly appropriated for the general purposes of the Institution, the sum of 4200 dollars, in addition to an unexpended balance of the preceding year of \$285,45. Of this there has been expended for the payment of Professors' salaries, the sum of \$4,485, leaving a balance of the appropriation unexpended of \$45. The incidental expenses of the Institution have been paid out of the general expense fund.

The Board have the pleasure to inform the Assembly that since the meeting of the last Assembly, several scholarships have been founded. One by the ladies of the city of Augusta, in Georgia. The whole sum of 2,500 dollars requisite to endow a scholarship, has been paid to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly. This scholarship is named the Augusta Female Scholarship. The founders vest the right of nominating the student, who may receive the benefit of this fund, in the Rev. Samuel S. Davis, of Augusta, Georgia, during his life; and after his decease, they vest the right in the Professors of the Seminary.

Another Scholarship has been founded by Mrs. Jane Keith, of Charleston, South Carolina, widow of the late Rev. Isaac S. Keith, D. D. of that city. Mrs. Keith has given her obligation for the payment of 2500 dollars, and the interest of this sum

annually at 6 per cent. until the principal is paid; she retains, during life, the right of nominating the student who may have the benefit of this Scholarship, and vests the right after her decease, in the Professors of the Seminary.

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Another Scholarship has been founded by Eliphalet Wickes, Esq. of Jamaica, Long Island. Mr. Wickes has paid the sum of 2500 dollars to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly. The founder of this Scholarship has directed, that the beneficiaries be named by his son, the Rev. Thomas S. Wickes, during his life; and after his death, by his grandson, Eliphalet Wickes, junr.; and after his death, by the Professors of the Seminary forever; and in case the said son or grandson shall neglect or refuse to name said beneficiaries, then the Professors are to name them.

The Board have also received information, that Benjamin Smith, Esq. deceased, late of Elizabeth Town, (N. J.) has bequeathed in his will, the sum of \$2,500, to endow a Scholarship in the Seminary; and also, that Mr. John Keith, deceased, late of Bucks County, Penn. has bequeathed in his will, the sum of \$2,500 to endow a Scholarship in the Seminary. These bequests have not yet been paid.

The Board would further report, that the unknown individual, in Elizabeth Town, N. J. to whom the last Assembly, in consequence of the payment of \$2,500, voted a Scholarship, with the right of directing the manner in which the Scholar shall be named, retains, during life, the right of nominating the Scholar who is to receive the benefit of said Scholarship, and vests the right when the donor shall be deceased, in the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, in Elizabeth Town, N. J.

The Board would also report to the Assembly, that, at their late meeting, a letter was received from the Medical Faculty of Jefferson College, located in Philadelphia, expressing the desire of its members to promote as far as their professional services are calculated to do so, the important objects of this institution;

and generously informing that the several courses of public lectures to be delivered by them during the ensuing winter, will be *freely* open to all Students connected with the Theological Seminary, who may be destined to labour as *Missionaries*; and to such others, also, as may deem it either interesting or useful to devote a portion of their time to the collection of knowledge in the various departments of Medical Science.

On the subject of funds, for the support of the Institution, through the ensuing year, the Board would report, that the whole of the salary of Professor Hodge, voted at the time of his election, three years since, must now be provided for by the Assembly—the time having expired in which \$600 of it was to be provided for by private subscription. The salaries of Professors to be provided for the ensuing year, by the Assembly, amount to \$4,800.

The Assembly have to provide also for the payment of the interest of \$11,000, borrowed in former years—\$9,000 of it at 6 per cent, and \$2,000 at 5 per cent, making \$640. In addition to this, the Treasurer has given information, that the balance against the contingent fund through the last year, is \$1,460 83.

So that the Assembly have to meet the ensuing year, the following expenditures, viz:—

Professors' Salaries, - - - - -	\$4800 00
Balance against contin. fund, - - - - -	1460 83
Interest on Loan, - - - - -	640 00
	\$6900 83

The contingent expenses of the Institution, will be met by the general expense fund. To meet the expenditures to be provided for, by the Assembly, the Board would report the following sums:—

Interest on the permanent fund, and the sums paid in on the different Professorships, amounting in the whole to about \$60,000, at 5 per cent. - - -	\$3000 00
Proceeds of Dr. Wheelock's Estate, say - - -	400 00
Dr. Codman's subscription, - - - - -	100 00
Rent of a house in Philadelphia, - - - - -	350 00
Money, reported as received from the late Ass. Reformed Synod, - - - - -	1051 41
	4901 41

Necessary expenditure for the year, to be provided for by the Assembly, - - - - -	6900 83
Means which the Assembly at present have, - - -	4901 41

Leaving a balance to be provided for by the Assembly, above their present means, say - - -	2000 00
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The Board have further to report that their minutes through the year past have had to record the afflictive dispensations of Divine Providence. Since the meeting of the last Assembly, it has pleased an all-wise and sovereign God, to remove *four* of their number by death, viz: Divie Bethune, Esq. the Rev. John E. Latta, the Rev. John Woodhull, D. D. and the Rev. John B. Romeyn, D. D. The term of office of Dr. Woodhull would now have expired—of the term of office for which Mr. Bethune and Mr. Latta were elected, there remains one year unexpired—and of Dr. Romeyn's term of office there remains two years. The Assembly will, of course, elect Directors to fill these vacancies.

Signed by order of the Board.

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The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary present the following Report to the General Assembly.

At the date of the last report, the number of students in the Institution was *one hundred and five*.

During the summer session, *eight* new students were received, viz.

Ezra D. Kinne, graduate of Middlebury College, Ver.

John Nott Union, N. Y.

Hector Moffat do.

Erschine Mason Dickinson, Penn.

John K. Cunningham Jefferson, Penn.

William S. Plumer Washington, Vir.

David R. Preston Transylvania Univ. Ken.

James W. Moore, candidate of Pres. of Northumberland.

During the winter session, *thirty-five* additional students were received, viz.

Anson Rood, graduate of Middlebury Col. Ver.

Herman Hooker do.

Isaac N. Cande Union, N. Y.

Chauncey E. Goodrich do.

Aaron W. Lyon do.

Russel Whiting do.

James C. Magraw do.

A. H. Phillips do.

Malcolm N. M'Laren, (Ass. Ref.) do.

John F. M'Laren do.

William P. Alrichs Nassau Hall, N. J.

Peter J. Gulick do.

James D. Pickands do.

George A. Lyon, jun.	Dickinson, Penn.
John W. M'Cullough	do.
William B. M'Ilvain	do.
Moses Williamson	do.
J. T. Marshall Davie	do.
John G. Morris, (Luth. Ch.)	do.
James Campbell	Jefferson, Penn.
John F. Cowan	do.
William Coxe	do.
John D. Hughes	do.
Watson Hughes	do.
David H. Riddle	do.
John M'Clusky	do.
William G. Campbell	Washington, Vir.
John Stockton, (licentiate)	Washington, Penn.
Samuel M'Farren, do.	do.
William S. Potts, candidate of Pres. of Philadelphia.	
John P. Robinson	Baltimore.
Theodore S. Wright, (coloured man)	Albany.
William Hill	Newcastle.
John Pope Trotter	West Lexington.
James Hawthorn	Louisville.

Mr. Thomas W. Irwin, one of the students of the second class, departed this life in the month of February last.

The highest number of students in the Seminary at one time through the year, has been *one hundred and eighteen*. The number still remaining in connexion with it, is *one hundred and fourteen*.

At the close of the summer session, certificates that they had completed the whole course prescribed in the Plan, were given to the following *six* young men, viz. Lewis Bond, William Brearly, Edward N. Kirk, Samuel V. Marshall, Amos Savage, and M'Knight Williamson.

The Board are constrained to repeat the regret, that they have frequently had occasion to express in former reports, that so few of the students continue in the Seminary the time prescribed in the Plan to complete the full course of study.

While on this subject the Board beg leave to lay before the Assembly the following extract, from the minutes of their late meeting at Princeton, viz.

"In the opinion of the Board, it would contribute to the future usefulness of the students, as well as to the reputation of the Seminary, if all could be induced to enter so as to begin at the commencement of the course of instruction, and continue their studies under the direction of the Professors for three years, that they might become entitled to certificates of approbation. They think also that the practice which has too frequently prevailed, of young men entering the Seminary, and then after spending not more than a year, or six or three months, going away into the churches with the name of students

of the Theological Seminary of Princeton, is very injurious to its reputation."

On this subject the Board have adopted the following resolutions:

"1. That the certificates of approbation awarded to students, who, after having remained three years, shall have sustained a satisfactory examination, be formally and publicly delivered to them, in the oratory, by the acting president of the Board, immediately after the address made at the close of the session.

2. That the General Assembly be requested to renew their recommendation, that the pupils should avail themselves of the great advantage to be derived from attending upon a full course of theological instruction in this Seminary; and that the Assembly adopt any additional means, which to their wisdom may appear proper to secure to the youth of the Seminary, the benefit of attending on a full course of the instruction communicated in the Institution."

The semi-annual examinations of the students have been as heretofore entirely satisfactory to the Board.

On the subject of benefactions for the assistance of necessitous students, the Professors have reported the following sums, viz.

Female Benevolent Society of Lebanon, S. C.	-	\$37 00
Female Society of Elizabeth Town, N. J.	- -	40 00
Anonymous for a student,	- - - -	15 00
Benevolent friend for a particular student,	- - -	50 00
Female Society of Newtown, L. I.	- - -	38 00
Female Benevolent Society of Morristown, N. J.	-	23 31
Phebean Society of Philadelphia,	- - - -	41 00
Ladies' Society of Princeton, N. J.	- - - - +	67 00 +
A student formerly aided by this fund,	- - -	20 00
Cong. of Louisville, Ken. by the Rev. Dr. Blackburn,		
for a particular student,	- - - -	20 00
From three ladies of New York,	- - - -	16 00
Presented by the Rev. Dr. Matthew Brown,	- - -	20 00
Female Society of Woodbridge, N. J. for a particular student,	- - - - -	25 00
Do. do. for another student,	- - - -	10 00
From a clergyman, paid him for supplying a pulpit,		10 00
From do. do.	- - - -	20 00
A widow's mite,	- - - - -	5 00
Female Society of Lexington, Ken. for a particular student		50 00
Female Society of Allentown, N. J.	- - -	6 50
Female Society of Scotch Town, Orange county, N. Y.		10 00
Ladies at the Falls of St. Mary, outlet of Lake Superior,		15 00
Anonymous,	- - - - -	220 00
Female Society of Jamaica, L. I.	- - - -	27 00
Female Society of Cedar street Church, New York,		126 00
Paid by students, interest on Scholarships,	- - -	26 00
Female Benevolent Society of Deer Park, Orange cy. N. Y.		35 12½
Female Cent Society of Florida, N. Y.	- - -	21 00

Female Praying Society of the First Presb. Church, Albany, paid to a particular student by themselves,	85 00
Female Cent Society, First Pres. Church, Albany, paid to another student - - - - -	100 00
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The Professors have also reported the receipt of the following articles for the use of the Seminary.

From the Dorcas Society of the city of New York, 30 shirts.

From some ladies in Brooklyn, N. Y. 14 shirts and 13 cravats.

From a student leaving the Seminary, 1 feather bed, 2 pillows, and 1 quilt.

From another student, 1 feather bed, 2 pillows, 1 pair of sheets, 1 comfortable, 1 cot, 1 pair of blankets, and 1 pillow case.

From ladies of Perth Amboy, N. J. 3 vests, 2 pair of pantaloons, and 1 coat.

From W. B. 2 pair of sheets, 1 pair of pillow cases, 1 pair of towels, and 1 table.

From a lady in Princeton, 1 comfortable, and 1 coverlet.

From a student, 2 pair of sheets, 1 bedstead, and 1 table.

From a lady in Snowhill, Maryland, 4 pair of socks, 1 pair of pillow cases, and 1 pair of towels.

From an unknown source, 6 pair of cotton socks.

From ladies of Lyon's Farms, Elizabeth Town, N. J. for the use of a particular student, 3 sheets, 1 pair of pillow cases, 1 quilt, and 1 coverlet.

From Elizabeth Town, N. J. 10 cravats, 4 shirts, 4 pillow cases, 1 handkerchief, and 1 pair of suspenders.

From Lyon's Farms, Elizabeth Town, N. J. 1 quilt, pieced by William Scott Johnson, and Robert Bond, aged six and a half years each.

From a lady of Lawrenceville, N. J. 1 pair of stockings.

From a friend in Allentown, N. J. 16½ yards of cassimere.

From ladies of Lawrenceville, N. J. 2 shirts.

From a student, 1 matrass, 1 pair of pillow cases, 1 pair of sheets, and 3 chairs.

From ladies in Hanover, Morris county, N. J. 1 bed quilt, 1 comfortable, and 1 pair of pillow cases.

From ladies in Wilmington, Del. 10 shirts, and 6 cravats.

Through the year the library has received an addition of 76 volumes—24 of these volumes were presented by sundry persons; and the remaining 52 were purchased.

The Board have the pleasure to inform the Assembly, that since the meeting of the last Assembly, two new scholarships have been reported to the Board.

Mr. Othniel Smith, of Jamaica, Long Island, who lately deceased, bequeathed in his will the sum of \$2500, to found a scholarship. The whole of this sum has already been paid to the Treasurer of the

Trustees of the General Assembly. Mr. Smith has in his will, vested the right of naming the student who may have the benefit of his scholarship, in the Rev. Henry R. Weed of Albany, during his life, and after his decease, in the Professors of the Seminary.

Miss H. Smith of Carmel, near Natchez, Mississippi, lately deceased, has also left in her will the sum of \$3000, to endow a scholarship. This bequest the Board were informed will shortly be paid. The surviving relatives of Miss Smith request that the right of nominating the student, who may have the benefit of this endowment, may be vested in the Presbytery of Mississippi.

The Board would further report, that they have received from the founders of the Augusta Female Scholarship, the following official communication.

“At a meeting of the founders of the Augusta Female Scholarship, held in the city of Augusta, (Georg.) on the 6th of March, 1826; the Revd. Samuel S. Davis, having re-igned the right vested in him, of nominating the beneficiaries of this fund—it was resolved, that this right be vested forever in the Professors of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church at Princeton, (N. J.) subject however to the following restrictions, viz.: That whenever a vacancy in this Scholarship is to be filled, the preference shall always be given to a candidate from the state of Georgia, if at the time there shall be applications from that state; and in the absence of such, then to a candidate from some other southern section of the church.”

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