

LIBRARY SEMINARIES AND THEIR LIBRARIES.

When the new University Library was built, provision was made for some fifteen rooms which might be used for instruction in research. With the increase of advanced work in the University and the growing application of the Seminary method of instruction, there had come to be a great need for this sort of facility, and the provision of these rooms was cordially welcomed by the departments. The Trustees passed certain general resolutions with regard to the use of the rooms and appointed a committee for the assignment of such rooms as might be available for Seminary purposes. The faculty on their part appointed a committee to draw up a carefully formulated set of rules governing the conduct of these seminaries. On certificate of the Clerk of the Faculty that a department has established a seminary within the meaning of the Trustees, a room is assigned by the Trustee Library Committee, consisting of M. Taylor Pyne, Esq., and *ex-officio* the President of the University and the Librarian.

Tentative assignments have been made to Philosophy, Political Science and Jurisprudence, Ancient History and Archaeology, and Modern history, in the south-east corner; to Classical Philology (Greek and Latin), to Romance and to Germanic Languages, in the south-west corner; and to Mathematics and Political Economy in the north-east corner. These assignments, however, will not become valid until the Committee is notified that a seminary has been constituted; and the allotments of the rooms are subject to readjustment, and to withdrawal if the room is not actually used for the purpose intended, or if it is more needed by some other department or for some other purpose. All gifts, which have been solicited for equipment of these rooms, are received on the understanding that if a department fails to

maintain a proper seminary, books may be withdrawn from them and placed in the stack, a contingency, however, which is rather more theoretical than probable. These gifts are also received with the understanding that when the editions become outdated, or for any reason their presence is not required in the seminary room, they can be removed to the stack. For the present a considerable number of books from the General Library are loaned to the seminary libraries to supply their immediate demands.

The alumni and friends are showing a great interest in this feature of university development and have already equipped more or less extensively several of these rooms with special libraries for their work. Various friends, including Mr. James W. Alexander, Mr. John L. Cadwallader, Mrs. C. B. Alexander and others, have provided furnishings and a handsome collection of books for the Seminary of Ancient History and Archaeology; Mr. Charles Scribner has given a similar collection for the English Seminary; the Class of '88 Fund, mentioned elsewhere in this number, is available for the equipment of the Seminary of Economics; the furnishing of the Philosophical Seminary has been provided for; several thousand dollars are available towards the requirements of the Mathematical Seminary; the Seminary of Modern History has been provided for at least as far as the History of England is concerned; and recently the Classical Seminaries have been provided with full furnishings and a handsome assured income of \$2,500 a year for three years by Mr. Geo. A. Armour '77.

It is gratifying to see such great appreciation of the importance of this work in the University, and it is to be hoped that this coöperation on the part of the alumni may spread until all the departments shall be provided liberally with their tools for this particular line of work.