

expended in tracts? it is too small and too uncertain to be calculated. What do we devote to the maintenance of Judson and his band of self-sacrificing brethren? Not a sum equal to half the maintenance of one of them. Nor is the amount of our contributions for the spiritual benefit of ignorant and benighted souls in our own province greater. How much is supplied by the whole of our £6000 Baptists in Nova-Scotia for our home missions? Not much more than £100 per annum; and surely it is not that the number, spaciousness, or convenience of our places of worship, or the lavish maintenance of our ministers, has exhausted the pockets of the people; there is much room for improvement in all these respects; such improvement might be made, and still the denomination take the lead in the Education of the country to which it is now invited. It may be fairly calculated that, the Provincial Grant of £300 per annum continuing, one hundred and fifty pounds from the tuition monies, which would probably be increased to that amount by the new arrangement, and one hundred more from the denomination, would enable your Committee to sustain an associate Professor; two hundred and fifty pounds more would sustain a third Professor, which even at this moment would be required to place the Academy upon an efficient footing. And what would £350 per annum be, to be contributed by a denomination comprising a population of 30,000 souls—for so important an object as maintaining a respectable College, for such would then be the real standing of the Institution; for providing the country with the means of Education, which the supineness, or the party spirit, of others has lost; and furnishing our own denomination, or any others that might chuse to enjoy the advantage, with adequate instruction for young men called to the ministry of the Gospel. Try the extent of this, considered as a direct tax upon any given portion of the community:—Here, where this Society is at the present moment assembled, we are surrounded by a Baptist communion of 500 souls. The amount which they would be called upon to contribute in support of such objects, in proportion with other Baptists in the Province, would be £29 3s. 4d. per annum from the whole of this extensive and populous district; that is, 14d. from each of the 500 Baptists who