

God will bless. Such assuredly must sustain a most commanding relation to the growth and future well being of Christ's Kingdom on earth. Nor will the bearing of this mental culture be restricted to the Church, but to a large extent influence the whole Province in all its commercial and political features. Ignorance is an evil, and one inspired declares, "That the soul be without knowledge, it is not good." The well being of our Province requires that, if possible every man, whatever his employment, should be educated. It prompts to self-Government, and inspires a spirit of manly independence, and is therefore the manifest desideratum of every people, resolved upon advancement.

The foregoing considerations demand that the Baptists of Nova Scotia should engage in their educational endeavours with renewed diligence. The object in view, and urging us forward is a noble and worthy one, its accomplishment will be an auspicious day.

We have already hinted, that at present the support asked for is not money. There is a support of more value than gold and silver. Among 13,000 members of Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia there are multitudes of young men of shining talents, who, ambitious of honor and emolument are daily cast into the great current of life, to succeed or not, as they are prepared or unprepared for the great life struggle. The Committee would affectionately invite such, to the privileges and advantages afforded at the Horton Academy. Many parents, whose highest earthly ambition is that their sons may pursue a virtuous and careful course in life,—sadly neglect the essential means of securing the coveted blessing. Often, indeed, are such laudable hopes blighted by an utter neglect of means, placed by a beneficent Providence within reach. We ask from such the privilege of educating their sons, of fitting them to be what parental ambition and hope would desire. In a word your Committee ask their brethren, the Baptists of Nova Scotia to educate their sons at Horton Academy. This dear brethren is the support, the patronage your Institution demands.

The Teachers employed, the course of study pursued, the success already enjoyed, greatly emboldens us in reiterating these desires.

Such appeals as the above, your Committee, believe are reasonable and called for. With such ends in view, the Horton