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REPORT.

In presenting their Annual Report, the Committee are happy to say that the past year has been one of prosperity and progress. Acting upon the Resolutions adopted at the last meeting of the Eastern Association, the Committee matured their plans for engaging the services of the Rev. J. E. Hopper. These plans were then approved and sanctioned. In pursuance of these arrangements, Mr. Hopper entered upon his duties in October last, and the Committee are gratified to state that this measure has been attended with results highly beneficial to the interests of the Institution. The number of pupils on the record has been 95, and the average attendance 57 each week. Examinations were held at the close of the winter and summer half year, and the progress and attainments of the students were pronounced highly satisfactory. Six young men with the ministry in view have attended the Seminary during the past year, for a longer or shorter time, and have received instruction in divinity, and other subjects connected with their future calling.

For several years past, young ladies have been admitted into the school, and shared with young men the advantages of the Institution. A class of young ladies has also been formed this year, and their progress has been very gratifying.

Several changes have been thought advisable for the ensuing year. The prospect for the future has induced the Committee to arrange for using the whole of the Seminary building for school purposes. This will require the removal of Dr. Spurden; but Mr. Hopper will still reside in the house, and watch over the behaviour of the students.

They have also appointed a trustworthy and competent steward to attend to the boarding department. Mr. W. S. Estey has undertaken this important office.

Mr. Jones resigned the post of English Master at the close of the year, and Mr. Wilbur has been appointed to succeed him.

The staff of teachers has been increased by the engagement of Mr. Calvin Goodspeed, B. A., a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, who will undertake the department of Natural Science, and give instruction in the French Language.

One of the objects of the Society, from its formation, has been to impart suitable instruction to young men who desire to preach the Gospel, and may not be able to avail themselves of a full collegiate course; the Committee have