

"I beg to speak in high terms of the ability and zeal of my excellent assistant Mr. D. F. Higgins, whose faithfulness in the duties assigned him could not be surpassed."

The Committee have therefore much satisfaction in reporting the healthful efficiency of the Academy. They would however remind their brethren that success is the reward of continued struggle, and untiring labor,—labor, approved of God, and sanctified, it is humbly hoped, to the noble aim of disseminating knowledge. The years of the Institution's history have been years of constant and unwearied assiduity on the part of its friends, and each upward step, has been the reward of christian diligence. Your Committee would ever keep this truth in view, and present it distinctly to the eye of the Baptist Denomination. The amount of labor put forth, must be the standard, to measure the hoped-for success. In all our denominational interests, labor and success, will balance each other. Let the energies of the Baptist Churches be once fairly and fully developed, and directed to the great interests of religious education, and no success as yet reached, will at all fore-shadow the happy result.

Your Committee are assured that the Academy is now accomplishing invaluable good. As a fact this is apparent to all, in any degree alive to the Educational interests of Nova Scotia. Our sons are there being educated and fitted for positions of honorable and useful employment. Our Churches are being supplied with ministers of the gospel, "workmen rightly dividing the word of life." And to some extent Teachers are going forth, well furnished for the all-important work of training the rising generation. We trust, that more attention will ere long be directed to this last mentioned department.

Such is the work now being accomplished, and such the work to which the friends and supporters of Horton Academy should address themselves, with ceaseless perseverance.

Are reasons for this enlarged aim demanded? We direct attention to the evident connexion between advancement in a sound and liberal education, and the future growth of Baptist principles, and Baptist Churches. God has ever honored such education and made it subserve the growth of His Kingdom. The education your Committee and the Education Society, design furnishing is that which has stamped upon its every feature the spirit and power of Divine Truth. Such assuredly

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