

ces being undiminished during the coming year, they have ventured to incur liabilities for most urgent repairs, which they feel convinced the Society will approve and sustain.

The Committee are gratified to learn that a most friendly feeling is entertained towards the Institution in many parts of the Province; and that a disposition extensively prevails to make a united effort to clear off the debt of the Society, which is annually absorbing a large part of income in the shape of interest. This evidence of growing confidence and sympathy affords them much encouragement; and they have only been deterred from attempting to liquidate the debt, by the pressing claims of Acadia College, and the necessity which exists for securing an endowment in order to its efficiency, if not its very existence. They have therefore, for the present, cheerfully abandoned all thought of dividing the interests of the friends of education, and presenting any claim that might in the least interfere with so important and noble an object, as that of placing the College on a footing of permanent security.

The Committee have the mournful duty of paying a tribute of respect to the memory of their esteemed Brother, the late Rev. Samuel Elder, of whose counsel and co-operation they have been deprived by death, since the presentation of their last Report. The intelligent interest which he always took in the prosperity of the Institution; the stimulus afforded by his own high position in mental cultivation; the advantage of his ministerial labours to the young men who attended the Seminary; his fraternal intercourse with those who had contemplated the dedication of their lives to the duties of the Christian Ministry; the salutary and judicious advice which he never failed to give on every occasion of perplexity; all combined to render him a most valuable auxiliary to the Committee and Officers of the Institution. May the Lord who has removed his servant from these ministrations on earth, cause his example and counsels to be beneficially remembered by those who enjoyed his fellowship.

The Committee cannot close their Report without adverting to the painful stroke, by which the Education Society, in common with every other denominational enterprise, has been deprived of the able and powerful advocacy of the late Rev. E. D. Very; while they unite with a sister institution in deploring the untimely end of the late lamented Professor Chipman. The removal of these valued brethren, at the present crisis, appears fraught with momentous consequences to the entire body. They desire to be taught submission under this sad bereavement; and pray that the Lord will be graciously pleased to supply the vacancies, which have thus been made in the churches of Christ, and the schools of the Prophets.

In behalf of the Committee,

CHARLES SPURDEN.

[D.] REPORT ON CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

The Committee on the "Christian Visitor," beg leave to report that—

Whereas the "Christian Visitor" has, from its origin, been not