

"Your Committee cannot close their report without tendering their most grateful acknowledgments to the public for the distinguished liberality with which they have contributed in aid of the funds of the Society, for the erection of the buildings, &c. as well as for the very handsome support and patronage which the institution has received since it has been in operation, and feel particularly called upon to notice the deep interest manifested by individuals altogether unconnected with the Institution, for its prosperity and advancement, whose influence has had a most salutary tendency, and whose disinterested and unremitted kindness cannot be too highly appreciated.

"The Committee in conclusion would invite the public to a more intimate acquaintance with the principles and operations of the Institution, and rely with confidence upon the friends of education throughout the Province, to sustain the same by affording such support as it may be entitled to receive.

"JOHN T. SMITH,
"Secretary to the Committee."

Extract from the Minutes of the Committee.

"At a Meeting of the Committee held at J. Ring's, June 14th, 1837.

"Took into consideration the Petition of Messrs. Burpe and Taylor, presented by them to the Education Society at its last meeting, and referred to the Committee to report upon, whereupon

"RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot recommend the prayer of the Petition of Messrs. Burpe and Taylor, Contractors for the erection of the N. B. Baptist Seminary, for the following reasons :—

"1st. That a regular contract was entered into with Messrs. Burpe and Taylor, after maturely deliberating upon the subject, the conditions of which the Committee have on their part in all respects fulfilled.

"2nd. That the difference of expense occasioned by erecting the building at Fredericton instead of at Maugerville, as referred to in the Petition, was estimated by the Contractors, assisted by their architect, to which the Committee acceded.

"3rd. That all other extra charges were referred to a disinterested competent person mutually chosen by the Committee and Contractors, agreeably to the terms of the contract, and the difference awarded paid by the Committee.

"4th. That the Committee are of opinion that the Contractors have been amply rewarded for all alterations and extra work done, and that any loss which they may have sustained has