

to an extended agency through the Province, was prevented by various circumstances from fulfilling his appointment. But the Rev. Mr. McLearn, who was nominated as the agent to the United States, prosecuted a laborious agency extending over all the Atlantic States from Maine to Georgia, and succeeded in collecting nearly £700, of which above £500 are available beyond travelling and other expenses of his agency. As various particulars respecting Mr. McLearn's labours on this mission have been, from time to time, placed before the public in the pages of the Magazine, the committee feel it unnecessary to enlarge on these in this place; they cannot, however, refrain from giving their testimony to the untiring zeal with which, under many discouragements, Mr. McLearn's useful labours were prosecuted; or from expressing their sense of the kindness of those Christian strangers who have imparted of their substance towards an object so far distant from their own immediate interests.

In addition to the monies collected, Mr. McLearn procured some books; and by laying before the Northern Baptist Education Society in New England the condition and wants of these colonies, he succeeded in procuring the beneficent offer from that Society to support at Horton five young men as *beneficiaries* on the same terms and conditions as are adopted by that Society.

The usual grant from this Province of £300 having been again obtained during the last session of the Legislature, the Committee have felt themselves greatly relieved from the extreme pressure they felt last year. This grant provides for the annual expenses of the Academy until the expiration of another twelvemonth. For this purpose, therefore, in making their estimate of the present debt, the Committee consider that sum as reserved. Then, adding to £1,946 (the debt due 1st. July, 1835,) the salaries, and other additional expenses which have been demanded by the still unfinished state of the premises, the sum of £2,373 arises; from which again the amount of subscriptions and tuition fees received (about £616) being deducted, the present debt is reduced to the sum of £1,757.

In making this estimate, however, the Committee wish the Society to observe that not only £300, the provincial grant, is reserved to meet the expenses of the current year, but also that the Committee do not take into this account the subscriptions engaged at the last association, except such sums as have been received, inasmuch as the greater part of those subscriptions still remain unpaid.*

Before concluding this brief account, the Committee cannot forbear urging the Society to yet further advance. Much as has certainly been already effected in the establishment of Horton Academy towards supplying the denomination, and the whole western part of the province especially, with a superior and effective Academy, still, they

*The more particular account appended to this report shows the condition of the debt, at the date 31st Dec. 1837, after being balanced with all monies from every source.

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