

is not the writer's purpose to argue the question, but merely to set down some facts and considerations that seem to him directly opposed to the new Seminary policy.

THE OLD SEMINARY AT FREDERICTON.

The Fredericton Seminary was founded in 1835. Its career lasted about thirty-seven years. It did a good work in its day. There some hundreds of young persons of both sexes enjoyed good educational advantages. Many young men passed from the Seminary to College, the most of them to the University at Fredericton. Some entered the ministry, and have since rendered valuable service as preachers and pastors. Within the walls of the old Seminary many respected Christian teachers labored faithfully and self-sacrificingly. From Dr. Bill's History we learn that the average attendance, after twenty years of existence, was from 46 to 50. The maintenance of the Seminary was a *continued financial struggle*. Debt burdened the institution, especially in its later years. Every year fresh appeals for assistance were made to the people. Many felt it to be a heavy burden. It only needed the establishment of the Free School System to lead thoughtful men to the belief that the usefulness of the Seminary was at an end. They concluded that there was no longer need of a Baptist academy in this Province. Spasmodic efforts were made by some of its friends to keep it alive, but to no purpose; and at length, in 1873, *the property was sold*. The question had been brought pointedly before the two Baptist Associations in N. B., in 1872,—“Shall we continue the Seminary by concentrating our efforts upon its support, or shall we unite with our Nova Scotia brethren in *academic education*, as well as in collegiate and theological education?” After careful consideration, a decision was reached in favor of the latter course. Accordingly when the sale was effected, it was agreed by the Directors of the Education Society and by the two Associations that the proceeds should be invested “to be appropriated for educational purposes [*where or how*, not being specified] as the Denomination in this Province shall direct.”

OUR EDUCATIONAL COMPACT.

Acadia College became *the joint property of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces* in 1849. *Horton Academy* was placed in a similar position by resolution of the Convention in 1874 and by Act of the N. S. Legisla-