

their temporal welfare, he disigned that, while it would be for the missions a nursery of zealous labourers, it would at the same time serve for the youth of the country as the best school of preparatory education. These views it has from the very beginning realized. For, not to mention the many missionaries already sent forth, a number of its students are at present teachers in the first schools of this and the neighboring counties. Here, however, in justice to ourselves, I must remark that many wishing to qualify themselves for teaching, and more desirous of a knowledge of particular branches than of real mental training, have applied for, and obtained, admission to classes, which in their regard were on many reasons considered exceptionable. If the proficiency of such, leaving the Seminary with little more than an imperfect acquaintance with their favourite branches, be taken as a criterion, the reputation of the Seminary would necessarily suffer in the estimation of the discerning public. Leaving this consideration out of sight, there is reason to believe that the success of the Seminary has met the most sanguine expectations even of its friends; and, if the past may be regarded as an earnest of the future, that nothing more than the co-operation of parents is necessary to make it the means of diffusing that knowledge by which general intelligence may keep constant pace with the fast increasing population of our country.