

APPENDIX.

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Report on Education.

Four important-eras mark our educational work. The year 1828 was the culminating point of earnest and prayerful thought, How shall the young in general, and those who intend devoting themselves to the Christian ministry in particular, be provided with the means of securing sound instruction under Christian influence? That year answered the question, as it opened the door of our Academy to all who felt disposed to enter.

In 1838, driven by circumstances or led by Providence, the Baptist body founded Acadia College.

Through varied experience, a general, an un-anticipated prosperity has attended our educational work, and from within her walls, that faced in fair magnificence old Blomidon, went forth many an earnest and successful worker.

In 1877 Old Acadia trembled and fell, dissolved by fire and flame, and left as a sad memento a heap of unseemly debris, and around its still smoking embers walk the tearful students and professors, and cheer even her ashes.

In 1878 the corner stone of a renewed Acadia College and Female Seminary were laid, amid hopes and prayers and rejoicings.

What will the Baptist people do with these buildings in the course of erection? What with the weighty responsibilities inaugurated by our institutions of learning?

On the past we inscribe our Ebenezer, for "hitherto the Lord has helped us." On the future shall we not write our Excelsior?

Advance will be necessary to existence. Interests, hostile or competitive, demand advance.

The ever craving aspiration of a progressive age forbid a *statu quo*, and every science lifts its demanding appeal against apathy or neglect, and presses its claims to be freed from false applications and to be taken into the enfoldings of a warm Christian sympathy. Duty to our God, our country, our name, all, say arise and build, and let this house be more glorious than the first.

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