may compare the facilities presented in Nova-Scotia with those in Maine, in Massachusetts, in Rhode Island, and elsewhere-and if we maintain not an equal standing or nearly so with the institutions abroad, such of them as possess the means will leave us, (and very little means are sufficient to enable them to do this); and once engaged on the wide arena presented in other countries, small indeed is the probability of their return; and thus our churches and missionary fields may in the end be rendered more than ever destitute of ministerial labour. Your Committee must remind the Society, that from the present instructors, especially from their respected Principal, the Academy receives every attention that can in reason be required from them, and even more than this, they are indefatigable and pains taking beyond their strength, and a just regard to health; but all persons acquainted with Education, know that an enlarged scheme of liberal instruction demands an increase in the number of teachers as well as other means, and at this moment there is at Horton a class of young men thirsting for knowledge, and justly appreciating its value, who ought at once to enter the department of a biblical Instructor, and to whom no one man on earth could give adequate attention in addition to the arduous duties of a literary Academy. It would be a severe blow to our hopes if these young men should be driven from Nova-Scotia to seek elsewhere the aid which their native country is too slow to furnish. This consideration is one of urgent importance, and one, which your Committee are assured can only be met by an immediate advance in the standing of Horton Academy as a Seminary both of Biblical and literary instruction.

There are some, perhaps, who, while we thus speak, can hardly believe it possible that all this can be needed and still less realized. To such we must beg leave with perfect kindness but with candour to say, that they must be confining their minds to a very narrow circle of information. Men who have gone far before any of us in labours and in successes in the cause of Christ, know that such things are absolutely necessary to the enlarged progress of His Kingdom, so long as the Lord condescends to work by means. And if any persons are still indis-

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