

REPORT,

SUBMITTED TO THE N. B. EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The report which the Committee have to present to the Society, does not very much differ from those of preceding years. The average attendance of pupils has been fully sustained notwithstanding the unexampled commercial embarrassment which, during the year, has pressed upon the resources of all classes; the Principal continues to derive satisfaction from the diligent attention to study evinced by the Students, and the propriety of behaviour observed by the pupils of all ages; and on the whole the Committee feel thankful in being able to state that the general interests of the Institution are in a healthy condition. The plan sanctioned by the Board of Directors at its last meeting, of allowing young men to board themselves in the Seminary has been tried with the most complete success; it is to be hoped that the example thus set will be followed by many whose circumstances render it desirable, and the Committee cannot but rejoice in thinking that the advantages of education will by this means be placed within reach of many who would otherwise be precluded from enjoying them.

The prevalence of an erroneous impression respecting the entrance of the Students of the Seminary into King's College requires particular notice and confutation. It has come to the knowledge of your Committee that an impression extensively prevails that no Student can enter King's College from the Institution under their control, and that before such a step can be taken, it is necessary to pass through the Grammar School in more immediate connection with the College. But for the existence of such a supposition they would deem it perfectly needless to refer to the subject. As it is however, they take the earliest opportunity of stating most explicitly, that there is no foundation for any idea of the kind, that any Student possessing the requisite qualifications, and desirous of doing so, has a perfect right to enter immediately from the Seminary; that the College authorities have granted admission before, and your Committee feel persuaded that they are prepared to do so again whenever there is occasion. The connexion in which the Education Society stands to Acadia College, Nova Scotia, has led the Committee to give the preference to that Institution in advising young men who sought for direction upon the subject, but their proximity to King's College renders it imperative on them to dissipate every misapprehension.

From the statement of the cash account for the current year, and a comparison of the debts due by the Society this year and last, it will appear that after the payment of all necessary expenses a reduction of the debt to the amount of Seventeen Pounds has been effected.

Most gratifying would it be to the Committee, if, by any words of theirs, they could awaken a just sense of the value of Education in the minds of the members of the religious community to which they belong. The more than usual attention which has of late, been directed to the subject of mental culture, the general diffusion of