

templated by your Committee as likely to prove eminently advantageous.

The Committee earnestly hope that the Foreign Mission will receive enlarged support, so that two Missionaries may be shortly despatched to the Foreign field.

J. M. CRAMP, *Chairman*.

[B.] REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee Report as follows.

The Academy at Fredericton enjoys an encouraging degree of prosperity, as will fully appear from the Report of the Education Society, which will be laid before the Association. It is unnecessary, therefore, to enlarge on that subject; and your Committee have only to commend the Institution to the sympathy of the Denomination, and to urge its claims to more extensive patronage and support. The number of pupils would be considerably increased if the Baptists of the Province duly appreciated the advantages and blessings of education.

Acadia College, the Committee have reason to believe, has been conducted during the year in a satisfactory manner. The Report of the studies of the year appears in the *Visitor* of the 11th ultimo. The same number of the paper contains an account of the Examination, and of the proceedings at the Anniversary; that article was the last production of the pen of the late lamented Editor, the Rev. E. D. Very, who repeatedly expressed the high gratification he experienced on the occasion of his visit to the College.

Your Committee observe, that in the Theological Department, but little has been yet accomplished; the President having been compelled to undertake the duties of the Classical Professor. This is much to be regretted. It is an evil which ought to be speedily corrected, by such an increase in the number of Professors, as will ensure a proper division of labour, and a just measure of attention to all the branches of instruction, Literary and Theological.

Rejoicing in the spread of knowledge among the people, and the wide circulation of useful books, creating an appetite for yet more extensive information, the Committee are of opinion that the education of candidates for the Christian Ministry assumes increasing importance, and that it cannot be neglected without incurring the risk of great detriment and loss. Religious instructors should be well informed in all respects, and able to take the lead in advancing social interests and improving the condition of the community. But in order to this, education is necessary—and your Committee deem it their duty to place on record the expression of their serious conviction—that all young men who contemplate engagement in the ministry, should avail themselves of the opportunities now afforded for gaining intellectual cultivation and general knowledge, as well as for acquiring critical skill in the interpretation of the Scriptures, and acquaintance with the history of the Church of Christ. If they neglect to do so, they will experience, ere many years have elapsed, much disappointment and discomfort, and may expect to suffer the regrets associated with failure.