

REPORT, &c.

In accordance with the directions of the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society at their last general meeting at the Association at Cornwallis, their Executive Committee now submit to the Society and the friends of the Institutions at Horton, a General Report of their proceedings, embodying the various facts and circumstances that have from time to time been submitted in the usual summary annually given at the Association, together with a full and accurate statement of their financial affairs. It is true that nearly all the particulars comprised in the following Report have at one time or another been laid before the public, but such fact does not make it less necessary that a more formal and comprehensive Report should appear, nor do the Committee apprehend that a general recapitulation of their proceedings will be on that account less acceptable to the Denomination or the friends of Education.

A variety of causes which it would occupy too much time and space here to recount, have up to the present time deferred the publication of this Report. As the Legislature in its present Session has not only renewed, during the continuance of the General School Act, the Grant of money to Acadia College and sister Institutions, but has distinctly and fully recognized the principle of sustaining Denominational Colleges, and as other circumstances have transpired within the past year, a few particulars not previously before the public, will necessarily be referred to. The general abstract of the accounts will be brought up to the 31st of December last. Such abstract, however, will not include any of the accounts connected with the new College Buildings just erected, and now in the course of completion under the supervision of Professor Chipman, who will shortly publish a detailed account of the whole of that undertaking. The different Agencies also at Home and Abroad, set on foot at the last Association, not having yet been brought to a conclusion, or the funds received therefrom, with the exception of £100, can only be briefly glanced at on the present occasion, but will furnish grounds for subsequent information.

And here, although the subject has been frequently brought under the public eye, we think it will not be inappropriate to take a brief retrospective view of the objects and efforts in which the Education Society have been so zealously occupied for some years past. The all important undertaking, in which, in the year 1828, the Baptist