

APPENDIX.

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Report of Committee on Education.

The Institutions of learning founded at Wolfville more than half a century ago continue to enjoy, by the blessing of God, a high degree of prosperity. During the past year sixty-three (63) students have attended the classes in the College; fifty-nine (59) the classes in Horton Academy; and about the same number of young ladies have attended the Acadia Seminary.

The Rev. Drs. Crawley and D. M. Welton have given instruction in Theology in some of its subjects to most of the young men studying for the ministry. Two young men completed the full course.

Your Committee commend these schools to the confidence of the denomination for the following considerations:—We have received them as a heritage from the fathers, by whose devoted prayers and labours they were established. Their usefulness is now apparent not only in our denomination but in the country and world generally. Again and again they have received signal manifestations of the Divine favour, especially in the succession of wonderful revivals of religion enjoyed in them, commencing with their earliest history. The prospects for further usefulness were never brighter, and the means of keeping them in a high state of efficiency were never more abundant.

In regard to the agitation favoring that unexplained and impracticable proposed "Consolidation," your Committee recommend the continuance of our Institutions, free and independent; and that in the future as in the past they be kept under the control of the Baptist denomination. The buildings, lands, and endowments, given in sacred trust, and the importance of keeping in our own hands the appointment of the instructors of our young men and young women, unite to make it impossible for the Baptists to entertain a proposal to change the present conditions and relations of Acadia College.

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