

In the great but necessary exertions to procure funds for the purchase of land, the erection of a building and the furnishing the interior of a School, the friends of the undertaking appear in a great measure to have lost sight of the ultimate object of the Society, which was to improve the moral and intellectual condition of the community. To this object the other was but preparatory and subordinate—a necessary means for a certain desirable and important end. These means have now been provided, and it remains for the community, by embracing them, to show that they appreciate the end which their use must inevitably accomplish. The Baptist denomination are particularly called upon to be awake in this matter. The extent to which they avail themselves of the educational facilities now afforded may be regarded as the test of their attachment to learning and morality. It cannot therefore be supposed that they will suffer themselves to lie under the reproach of indifference to these paramount blessings of life, and, by withholding them from their children, leave occasion for them to look back upon their parents with regret that they should have neglected a subject of so much importance to their offspring; but, on the contrary, it is hoped that they will show that they are anxious for the improvement of the rising generation, and that the walls of the Seminary may be filled with their sons, not because they are desirous of keeping alive an Institution began by them and called after their name, but because they esteem, as of sacred consequence, the blessings which can there be procured.

The Committee have felt it their duty to be plain in these particulars, and now freely state, that their only anxiety respecting the prosperity of the Institution arises from an apprehension that the denomination, by becoming indifferent to the cause of Education, may not furnish it with such a number of pupils as will enable it to be of any general utility to the country; and it is on the ground of its general utility alone that any assistance can be asked for or expected from the Legislature. The liberality of the denomination and the public has been too often experienced to leave any room for discouragement as to financial matters, and the Committee would now beg to say to such of the denomination as have families that need instruction, and have hitherto felt it their duty to contribute to enable the Society to proceed thus far in its undertaking, that it is no less their duty to place their children within reach of these advantages which their liberality has helped to create, and thus to receive the reward of their benevolent exertions.

Resolved, That the Report, as read, be adopted, and published with the Minutes of the Association.

Resolved, That the grateful thanks of this Society are due to the several branches of the Legislature for the liberal grant made last winter in aid of the funds of the Institution, as also for the encouragement given to expect a continuance of Legislative aid.

Resolved, That the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to procure an Act of Incorporation for the Society,

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