

APPENDIX.

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EDUCATION.

Your Committee desire that this Association should again place on its records a declaration of the great value of public education, and of the importance of properly guarding and preserving in its integrity the system of public instruction which has thus far proved to be so valuable and effective for the general education of the young.

Our denominational Academy at Horton, under the successful direction of Rev. T. A. Higgins, continues to deserve the patronage of our people to a much larger extent. Pastors of churches, and laymen interested in education, should exert themselves to send there at least one representative for every church and congregation. The higher departments of our system of education cannot be properly supplied with students unless the Academy has a large number constantly in attendance.

The number of students in College for the past year has been forty-two. A large part of these are studying with the purpose of entering the ministry. We trust that the general management of the College is such as still to command the confidence and cordial support of the Denomination.

At the last meeting of the Governors arrangements were made for a year of Theological study subsequent to the completion of the College course. This will give opportunity for much more extensive and thorough research than was possible on the previous plan. The Committee would also call special attention to the fact that the Faculty of the College invite young men, who propose to labor in the ministry, but, who, for any reason are not able to take the full course, to remain for any period that may be convenient and pursue such studies as they may choose. We cannot doubt that there are many who ought to avail themselves of this arrangement.

In conclusion, your Committee would urge on the attention of the churches the importance of making the *annual contribution* for the support of the College more general, as the work is one in which all should share.

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