

NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

REPORT.

The Committee of the N. B. Baptist Education Society, in presenting their Twenty-Third Report, beg to submit the following review of the year's proceedings:—

The Principal returned from England in July, 1858, and immediately took charge of the Seminary, with Mr. G. E. Day as his associate in the tutorial department.

The Committee are glad to learn from their report, that the greatest diligence in study has been shown by the Students, and the utmost propriety has been observed in their conduct during the year.

The number in attendance in the Senior classes has equaled the average of former years; but the junior school, owing to a combination of causes, has somewhat declined; they trust, however, that this will be found to be only temporary.

In order to extend the usefulness of the Institution, the Committee early in the year, took measures for admitting young ladies to the classes, under the instruction of the Principal and his associate. The number of female pupils has ranged from 10 to 16; although this number is smaller than was anticipated, they feel satisfied, that eventually their most sanguine expectations will be realized.

This new arrangement took effect about the middle of August 1858, and in consideration of the services which they were thus rendering to an important, and hitherto much neglected department of education, the Committee petitioned the Government, in due course and form, for a small grant in aid of their efforts in addition to the sum received for the male department. Their petition was laid on the table of the House of Assembly, but no further notice was taken of their application, and no grant was proposed by the Government in supply. In consequence of receiving no Provincial encouragement, a large balance is due the Committee on the year's expenditure, besides interest on mortgages unpaid; they intend, however, to persevere and renew their application at the proper time, and they hope to be able to report next year that they have met with better success.

At the close of the half year in December, a public exhibition was held before a numerous audience. Recitations and dialogues were delivered by the lads and young men.

At the close of the half year in June, the classes were examined in the studies of the previous year, which comprised the usual English branches, the Latin, Greek, and French languages, Geometry, Algebra, Trigonometry and Astronomy. In the evening, original essays prepared by the Students, were read before a large company of visitors.

At the close of the year, Mr. Geo. E. Day resigned the situation of teacher which he had held for two years; in accepting his resignation the Committee desire to express their sense of the ability and attainments of Mr. Day, the value of which is much enhanced by the modesty and kindness of his disposition, and the unvarying suavity of his man-