

REPORT.

THE Executive Committee, in offering to the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society now assembled, the Report of their proceedings for the past year, will endeavour to compress the statements and observations they have to offer within as brief limits as possible.

The important Institutions committed to their charge, having, as they confidently believe, acquired a firm and acknowledged standing in public estimation for usefulness and efficiency, and being, also, as they feel fully assured, firmly established in the warm attachment to their interests of the denomination on which their more immediate support is devolved, it is unnecessary here to enter into any exposition of the principles on which they are based, or the incalculable benefits to be derived from their successful operation and progress.

It must be taken for granted, that not only every intelligent person connected with the Baptists of Nova Scotia, but all who feel truly interested in the future character and improvement of the Province, in a moral, intellectual or religious view, will also feel deeply concerned that the efforts we have already made and are still making should be crowned with the most ample success.

While the Committee regret that they cannot present the pecuniary affairs of the Society as being in so favourable a position as they could wish, it is scarcely possible under present circumstances, nor do they deem it at all desirable at any time, convinced as they are of the immense superiority of the method of sustaining important public objects like our own, by the free and voluntary action of the community, that our institutions of learning should be placed beyond the necessity of renewed appeals to the favour and liberality of the public, or be at once endowed with an income, which in too many cases have been the means of consigning such objects to inactivity and neglect.

Since the last meeting of the Society, the College and Academy have been conducted with entire satisfaction to the Executive Committee, by the Professors and other officers of the Institutions; and although the attendance of youth, in both departments, has been rather less than in some other years, yet the Committee have every rea-

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