

escaped the hostility of open or concealed enemies ; these have sometimes succeeded in defeating the applications of your Committee for Provincial assistance ; and, as already hinted, some such are busily at work in endeavouring to undermine the reputation of the Institution. The wisdom of your Society, and the security of the Academy, will obviously be found to consist in continuing to advance it to such a pitch of prosperity and efficiency, as must unequivocally silence all slander. Besides, your Committee are well aware that this Society is now only at the commencement of its undertaking ; it is a pleasant dawn, but it is no more than the dawn, as they trust, of a yet brighter day.

The education of this Country is at this moment in a singular condition. Windsor Academy is only beginning to revive from a long period of depression ; Pictou Academy, by the unfortunate dissensions which have long agitated it, is said, even by its friends, to be hastening to decay. The College at Windsor is acknowledged to be too sectarian to allow dissenters with any confidence to seek its advantages for their sons, and still suffers that depression which its contracted system inevitably involved ; all efforts to open Dalhousie College have hitherto failed ; there is therefore at once a loud call and an open field for all who feel the importance of a liberal education, to engage in the important work of forming and animating an enlarged system of instruction such as the country urgently needs, and is sought in vain within its borders. We, as a denomination, willing however to unite with all others in co-operation, and to admit them to the advantages we seek, seem to be called upon by the Providence of God to make the attempt. There is no liberal College in Nova-Scotia : ought not Horton Academy to be made such ? If so, we must continue year by year the exertions we have already commenced.

Several important objects are requisite, however, to render the institution such as even our own pressing exigencies require at this moment. Last year, your Committee pressed strongly the necessity of an associate professor, united with the Principal of the Institution, who should be competent to give to the mathematical and scientific branches the same efficiency which Mr. Pryor

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