

vacation are deducted, from £15 10 to £21 10, as the total amount for which an education can be obtained at the Seminary of this Society.

During the last year, five young men were professedly pursuing their studies at this institution, in preparation for the ministry, only one of whom has received any assistance as a beneficiary of this Society, the sum obtained in England for this object being nearly exhausted, and no direct appropriations having been made in this Province to the personal support of such students.

The Committee have every reason for the most perfect satisfaction as regards the respectable footing of this institution, and the high reputation which it possesses as an efficient and well conducted Academy. The Rev. Mr. Pryor, the Principal, continues to discharge his duties with unwearied assiduity, and has received very competent assistance during the past year, from two young gentlemen who have obtained their education at this Seminary; and the government of the institution has continued to be as originally projected, "mild and paternal without laxity, and religious without sectarianism," all denominations being equally admitted to its advantages. The present assistants being desirous of pursuing their own studies yet farther, the Committee are now in search of an assistant more advanced in age and experience.

The condition of this country is such, however, as has been now abundantly tried, that higher academies cannot be sustained solely by the tuition money they receive, and at the same time furnish education within reach of the means of the bulk of the population. They must be supported to a considerable extent either by the Public Treasury, or by private contributions, or the country must remain without the important advantages of a liberal education.

The withdrawal of the Legislative supply, therefore, during the last year, subjected the committee to the most serious inconvenience, as they were entirely destitute of any other means to sustain the instructors of the Academy, and were also pressed with the additional burthen of the Boarding House. The various accumulations of debt, for which they are personally responsible, on account of the original purchase of the property yet unpaid, and the recent erection of the Boarding House, the salaries of teachers, and other expenses, now amounts nearly to the sum of £2000; and although they cannot allow themselves to doubt but that the Baptist community will feel themselves imperatively called upon to take this burthen from the shoulders of the committee, and sustain an institution thus useful, not only to themselves, but to the public at large; yet, the Committee feel it their duty to arouse their most serious attention to this subject, and to demand immediate and prompt assistance, if the denomination would save themselves from the disgrace and severe injury of suffering this institution to sink under the weight of debt that presses it, and eventually either to go into private hands for other purposes, or to pass under the management of some other body of people, who should be found more ready to make sacrifices in its behalf.