

APPENDIX.

THE N. BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

At the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Society, held at St. John on the 4th Sept., 1849, the following Report was submitted by the Committee.

REPORT.

The adjoining list contains the names of the Students who have attended the classes in the Seminary during the past year, from which it will appear that the number amounts in all to Fifty, and the Principal has much satisfaction in bearing testimony to the diligence evinced by the Students generally, the proficiency they have made in various branches of learning, and the good behaviour which has been observed during the year.

It would afford the friends of the Society pleasure to learn that the members of the community to which the Institution more immediately belongs were availing themselves of the means of improvement thus afforded them on behalf of their sons; the Committee however are sorry to be compelled to state that but few families, resident in the country, seek for their children the advantages of a more extended education than that which is furnished by the common schools; they do not pretend to determine the causes which operate to produce this neglect of a higher order of education, but they may be allowed to deplore that any thing short of the most absolute necessity should be suffered to prevent a youth from advancing to the highest state of mental cultivation within his reach.

But notwithstanding the indifference to education which apparently exists, and the severe commercial depression which the last year has witnessed, the Committee regard with satisfaction the circumstance that the number of Students during the year has nearly equalled that of previous years; they congratulate the friends of the Society upon this indication of general confidence in the community, and healthy prosperity in the Institution. Mr. Emerson, a licentiate of the body, pursued his studies with much diligence and success from Oct., 1848, to the May following, according to provision made at the Western Association held last year at St. George's: the statement of expenses incurred for the necessary purposes of the Board at the Seminary will be found in the Cash acct.

The Annual Examination of the pupils took place on Friday, the 8th June, and was attended by the Rev. J. M. Brooke and Professor Jack, of King's College, as Commissioners on behalf of the Government. The Legislative grant, amounting to two hundred and fifty pounds, has been received this year as before. The amount received last year from the General Union Society was only ten pounds, which is not much more than a fourth part of the interest of the debt for one year; and as the Committee have felt themselves in justice bound to increase the Salary of the Assistant Teacher, to the amount of ten pounds for the ensuing year, they trust that the dividend from the Union Society will be augmented, and so enable them to meet all demands. The Committee cannot in connection with this subject, refrain from reverting to the loss and disadvantages which accrue from the payment of to large a sum as

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