

ing on this great object with the most strenuous determination? The truth was too plain to be denied, that according as Education prospered, in such ratio would a good or evil influence be the result. The united Denomination, and especially the ministers of the Gospel, at once perceived that not a moment was to be lost; and with a unanimity almost unexampled, we believe in any similar case, determined on setting their shoulder to the wheel,

At a period when a new and general impulse appeared to be given to various bodies in the same direction, but most of whom were in possession of resources from abroad, which the Baptists did not enjoy, a way was opened in the Providence of God for commencing the Institutions at Horton. It was eagerly embraced, and without a dissentient voice a numerous delegation of the most influential and intelligent members of the Baptist Churches throughout Nova Scotia, resolved on no longer lying under the reproach of indifference or inertness in the education of their offspring.

It is delightful to reflect with what zeal and earnestness such men as Ansley, Chipman, Munro, and Dimock, now departed to their rest, as well as those of the Fathers of the Baptist ministry who yet linger on earth, united in a movement of such importance to the future interests of the Country. It is also a source of encouragement which should not be forgotten, that under its greatest difficulties and most adverse circumstances, every one of these venerated men have remained steadfast, and abounded in their prayers, their counsels, their labours and sacrifices, for the increase and prosperity of these Institutions. While they remained on earth, no occasion was ever lost of shewing their regard or sympathy to the Teachers and Professors, or those on whom the burden of their management peculiarly fell,—and as they ever connected their prosperity with that of the cause of God, whatever shaft was aimed by malice or self-interest at their Seminaries of Learning, or against those brethren who were called more immediately to engage in their support, they deemed as directed against their own dearest rights. They have many of them, one after another, departed to their rest; but surely we may believe that if the spirits of the just are permitted to know what is still passing in this world of trial, theirs cannot be indifferent to the progress of an undertaking which engaged so large a share of their affections on earth. The unabated interest with which our aged brethren, as well as every other minister of the Gospel among us has continued, for nearly twenty years past, to regard the efforts

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