

the Female Department at the close of the last term, whose place however will be filled by Mrs. Akerley, a lady who the Committee trust will prove every way qualified to fulfil the duties of the place.

It was the painful task of the Committee, to record not long since the death of one of their most valued Members, Mr. George Miles, of Maugerville, and they have now with feelings of still deeper regret to record the death of the Rev. F. W. Miles, another of their number, which took place in February last, and to whom more than any other individual, the Society is indebted for its success hitherto. Having connected himself with our undertaking at its commencement, he continued ever after to manifest the most devoted attachment to its interests, making them every where next to the Ministry of the Gospel, the paramount object of his labors, and though compelled by the disease which ultimately terminated his life, to withdraw from the direction of the School some time before his death took place, he continued until the last to evince the same deep anxiety for the welfare of the Institution, and assist the Committee by his judicious counsels and advice, which will long be remembered by them.

Although events like those to which allusion has just been made, may appear in some measure calculated to depress the minds of the Committee, they yet desire to acknowledge with gratitude the favorable indications of Providence towards the enterprize in which the Society is engaged, experienced in too many instances to permit them to doubt that heaven approves of their labors, and they would also recognize in these occurrences of a seemingly adverse kind, an admonition not to depend too exclusively on the single efforts of any one of the numerous friends of our undertaking, but that it is necessary for all to be alike zealous and active in promoting its welfare, and further, they would admit that they have been taught that all human instrumentality, however efficient, is under the control of that gracious Being from whom all power is derived, and to procure whose benediction upon our labors, should be our first and permanent object.

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