

As the Seminary building requires painting the committee have used their exertions to obtain contributions towards this object, in St. John through the kind assistance of the Rev. Jarvis Ring, and also at Fredericton. The work is still in progress so that a full account of their proceedings in this matter must be reserved for next year's report.

They are aware that many friends of the Society take a lively interest in the education of young men for the ministry, and the committee are anxious to do all in their power to promote so desirable an object. During the greater part of the year Mr. Judson Blakeney and Mr. Joseph Blakeney, sons of Elder James Blakeney, have prosecuted their studies at the Seminary, and preached either in Fredericton or the neighborhood as occasion required; Mr. A. Washburn of St. Martins spent a term at the Institution with the same object in view; Mr. Allen Watson of Southampton also entered, but was compelled by failing health to relinquish his purpose.

The Committee entertain a firm conviction that the Denomination will not abandon an Institution which was founded by men whose memory is deservedly revered, which has for nearly a quarter of a century, been sustained by much exertion and many prayers, which has already conferred lasting benefits on the community, and indirectly contributed to elevate the standard of education throughout the province, and which is destined, if adequately supported, to produce yet more important results in the future.

With an assurance of the hearty co-operation and support of their numerous friends in the province; and with an unshaken confidence in the divine blessing, the Committee and Teachers hopefully address themselves to the duties and responsibilities of another year.

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