

The Committee intimated in their last Report that they had been in correspondence with the Baptist Colonial Society at home, with a view to procure from thence a suitable person to take charge of the Institution. They have now the pleasure of stating that their exertions in that quarter have been crowned with success.—The Rev. Mr. Spurden arrived here in December last, and has since had charge of the School as Principal, which office he will continue to fill.

Respecting the qualifications of Mr. Spurden for the duties of the place to which he has been appointed the Committee beg to state, that his testimonials from several of the leading Ministers of the denomination at home are of the most satisfactory kind, and during his residence at Fredericton he has acquired the confidence and esteem of all to whom he has become known. Circumstances connected with his own immediate affairs having rendered it necessary for him to visit England, he is now on his journey thither, but his return amongst us may be expected at an early period; and it is now hoped that the objections and difficulties, arising from a frequent change of teachers, which have of late so seriously interfered with the prosperity of the Seminary, being now removed, a new impulse may be given to its prosperity, and that it may speedily arise to the enjoyment of that confidence and exhibit that efficiency which characterised it while conducted by the Rev. Mr. Miles.

At the close of the Term preceding the Winter vacation, the Female Branch of the School was discontinued. The Committee were led to this determination from the fact that several Female Schools being opened in the town by competent persons, the object of the Society to supply the higher branches of female education were thereby furnished to the community at Fredericton, and as there had been but a few pupils from the country for a considerable time, they thought it inadvisable, under the depressed state of the Society's funds, to keep up the expence of the female department. The Committee were also desirous to divide the Male Department into two branches, the one to embrace the lower and elementary parts of English education, and the other the higher branches of English, with Classical learning. This arrangement would render it necessary that the apartment appropriated to the female school should be devoted to the junior classes of the males so that the two branches might go on separately without confusion or hindrance to each other. A competent person has been engaged to take charge of the lower department, and the Committee hope that in both the discontinuance of the Female School and the division and separation of the Male, they will have the approbation of the Society and friends of the institution.

The attendance of pupils during the last year has been very limited, owing in some measure, no doubt to the unsettled state of the Institution with respect to a Principal; but it is felt that the removal of this objection will not alone be sufficient to restore it to its wonted prosperity, or to enable it to disseminate throughout the country those advantages it is capable of affording.

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