for the seminary, having been taken with a severe fit of illness at St. John, N. B. on his way, was obliged to return and relinquish his mission.

The committee further state, that since the last meeting of the board, they have erected a suitable building for an Academy, on the farm purchased by them; and which will afford ample accommodations for the purposes of tuition; it is now very nearly finished and has cost about the sum of £1000.

The committee are happy to be enabled to state, that in the last sessions of the Legislature, they succeeded in obtaining the very liberal grant of £500; which passed both the Assembly, and Council unanimously; and they are led to hope from the known liberality of the Legislature in affording assistance to objects of public good, that they may obtain such further assistance from the public funds, as will materially aid them in the prosecution of their undertaking:—The above grant with the collections made by Mr. Crawley, alone enabled them to proceed in the erection of the academy without incurring a heavy debt.

Many of the contributions in this province, and that of New Brunswick not having been yet received, the mission of Mr Crawley to England not being completed, and the expenses attending the missions for collecting funds, and the erection of buildings for the academy, not yet ascertained, the Treasurer has not been able to make up such a full and general account of the receipts and expenditures, as was desirable, and it has therefore been deemed expedient to defer it until the next meeting of the board; when a detailed and satisfactory account will be made out and submitted to auditors to examine and pass in order to be laid before the board.

The committee feel the necessity of again appealing to the board, to the denomination, and to the friends of religion and education in general, to exert themselves in behalf of the seminary. What has already been accomplished by the persevering efforts of the committee, has been mostly done under great disadvantages, and frequently at serious inconvenience: but much yet remains to be done, in order to place the Institution upon such a firm and respectable basis, as may enable it to cope with other places of learning in the province; and to realize the sanguine hopes and wishes of its founders, and of a large body of the public.

We feel confident that throughout the two provinces, there are a sufficient number of liberal minded individuals, who are disposed to render it their warm and decided support; and who only require to have laid before them, the necessity that exists for their help, to afford a prompt and willing assistance: the committee are now subjected to a heavy debt, and without a further supply of funds they cannot proceed in the completion of measures absolutely necessary for the existence and prosperity of the institution; and they fully trust that when called on, the Baptist denomination, and the public will not withhold their aid.

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