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He was much respected and beloved by all who knew him; his conduct ever accorded with the profession he had made. He was suddenly called away, Feb. 7th, before he had completed his first year of study in College.

Deacon Wm. H. Webster, who was a member of the Second Cornwallis Church, closed his earthly career on the 2nd of April last. He was a pious, useful, and highly esteemed member of the Church, and a respected and influential member of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. WELTON, *Chairman.*

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## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

As the members of this Association are already familiar with the Educational affairs of the denomination, it will not be necessary to make any extended reference to them in this report.

Your Committee would express continued sympathy with the system of Public Schools in the Province, and call attention to the growing evidence that these schools are an important instrumentality for the enlightenment and prosperity of the people, and therefore should receive the cordial support of all good citizens.

The Academy at Horton has passed through a year of unusual prosperity. The number of students has been largely in excess of any previous years. The school appears to be managed with much efficiency and carefulness as should commend it to the patronage of a discriminating public. The want of suitable rooms and sufficient accommodations for boarding has been a great hindrance to its progress. But the new and large boarding-house will probably be completed in a few weeks, and a much greater number of students can then be received. The future of the Academy is encouraging. The increase in the Academy will at once favorably affect the attendance in the College, and in this way promote a larger measure of usefulness. The conviction seems to be extending that the College must be sustained. The present year will be marked by severe trial from financial difficulties produced by various causes, but it is hoped that these will be of short continuance, and that whatever funds may be needed will be provided.

Your Committee note with satisfaction the fact that increasing interest is manifested in Theological Education.

J. M. CRAMP, *Chairman.*