

Its continued occupation is yet uncertain; the sale of the House, as we are informed, is shortly anticipated. Should it be found inexpedient or impossible to continue our occupation, a house will be rented in the village until one can be erected somewhere on grounds belonging to the Institution. This matter must receive our early and mature attention. It will appear from a slight consideration that while we occupy rented premises, rent must be a very considerable item in the expense of each pupil; such also will be the case if buildings are erected with invested funds; the payment of interest will always operate unfavorably. Could the sympathies of the Denomination be sufficiently enlisted, and buildings erected by the donations of friends, the expense of the School would be diminished, and its sphere of activity proportionately enlarged. At no very distant day this consideration may have a place among the objects of Denominational benevolence; and let it not be forgotten, that for buildings only, at present, pecuniary aid is solicited.

In view of the present aspect of the Academy, your Committee realize much satisfaction; to them the future brightens, as they receive increasing assurance that the Baptists of this Province are having a higher appreciation of means of instruction, suited to the wants of their sons and daughters. To the Baptists, Horton with its Institutions of learning must ever be a hallowed place,—hallowed as the place around which the strong affections and labors of our Fathers gathered. From this centre of Baptist influence have gone many faithful ministers of the cross; already are they scattered world-wide, and yet they go forth, and we believe will go, proclaiming to the world the message of the Prince of Peace. Teachers, many and well-furnished for their high vocation, have gone from Horton to mould the material of society, and to stamp holy influences upon the noble cause of Education. The demand yet comes, and yet they go, and may God direct them, for eternal consequences connect themselves with the education of our children. Baptists have strong reasons for loving, praying for, and in every possible way sustaining their honoured institutions at Horton.

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