

in their report of last year, owing to their not being able at that time to make up an exact statement of the Accounts, some lists of donations &c. not being received.

The request of last year that the several Churches in the Province would raise a small sum in aid of the Institution, has not been responded to except by the Churches at Northesk and Blissfield, in Miramichi, and those named in the last year's report.

The sum of £90 only has been collected in the Province during the past year, and principally by the Rev. Mr. Beckwith.

The Society will perceive by these statements that no general effort has been made since your last annual Meeting to liquidate the debt now due on the Institution, and that the Committee have been subjected to the payment of a large sum of interest for another year, which with the cost of insurance, deficiency in Teachers Salaries, and other contingent expenses has unavoidably increased the amount of debt.

The Committee in adhering to the opinion expressed in their former reports, that the general objects of the Society could not be fully accomplished and the debt liquidated without the assistance of an efficient agent to travel through the Province urging the claims of the Institution and soliciting aid in its behalf, induced in October last the Rev. Mr. Beckwith to commence such an undertaking, but after spending a short time in that capacity he was compelled by the pressure of other duties to abandon it for a time, and has not been since able to resume it. From Mr. Beckwith's efficiency as an agent, and the encouragement received by him during the short period in which he acted in that capacity, the Committee feel confident that could he have prosecuted the agency as was contemplated, the principal part of the debt might have been before this time collected; indeed they are of opinion that could the services of a suitable agent have been obtained some years ago for a period of twelve months, the whole of the balance due might have been collected, and the payment of large sums as interest avoided.

In connexion with the Providence by which the Institution has been deprived of the services of the Rev. Mr. Miles, the Committee have to deplore another very serious loss in the removal by death of one of their most valuable and influential members, Mr. George Miles, of Manguerville, but looking to the favorable indications of that power by whom all things consist, already evinced in the removal of many difficulties that have at times threatened the welfare of your Society and its Institution, they cannot but feel assured that so long as the members of the Society continue true to their principles and act in accordance with their duty, His special regard will not be withdrawn, and a way will be opened through which their present losses will be made up.

There are two objects in relation to the Institution upon the