

THURSDAY MORNING, 6 o'clock.

Prayer meeting opened by Rev. E. C. Corey. The presence of the Master was manifest among us.

Association resumed business at 9½ o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. D. M. Welton.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The Committee on Education presented their Report, as follows:

That the past year has been one of more than ordinary success at our Educational Institutions. Six young men took their first degree on the first of June, of whom three have the gospel ministry in view. At the close of the last term twenty-six young men passed their matriculating examination, with a view to entering college on the 1st of September. The present prospects are that a class of at least forty will enter college a year hence.

The registered attendance at the Academy the last year was 145. This number would have been larger could the accommodation have been obtained. The new Academy building, now in process of erection, and to be completed by the 1st of September, will furnish study and sleeping rooms for 100, besides a dining-room, 40x40, capable of seating 160, in which room it is proposed to introduce the club-system of boarding, by which it is believed the cost of board will be reduced to \$1.50 or \$1.75 per week.

Present indications are that this large building will be filled with students the coming year, and more than filled.

The old boarding-house, which at the present time is undergoing repairs, will be given up the coming year entirely to young ladies. It will give accommodation to from 35 to 40, and applications to this number are already nearly in. As soon as the building, now in course of erection, is completed, efforts will be immediately made to carry out the long contemplated plan of a Female Seminary, towards which a few thousand dollars have already been subscribed.

Considerable work was done the last year in the Theological Department, and more will be attempted the year to come. It will be necessary, however, considerably to enlarge the staff of instructors in this department, in order to offer a sufficient inducement to our young men—to many of them—to pursue their theological studies in their own country. And the Baptists of these Provinces, if alive to their best interests, will reach this point at the earliest possible period. In this connection your Committee would suggest the propriety of the Baptists of this Province also nominating and undertaking the support of an *additional* Professor in the Theological Department.

The number of young men now connected with the College and Academy, and having the ministry in view, is something over 30.

Your Committee, in conclusion, would call the attention of the Baptist public to the importance of firmly maintaining the stand they have taken on the Common School Question; and would ask all the