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WITH this issue the BEMA closes the first year of its existence. During the past year it has been, financially at least, a success; for although but newly started, and its management conducted by a staff altogether without any previous experience in this line of work, the paper has been self-sustaining so far, which is more than can be said of some of our older and more pretentious contemporaries, and which seems the more surprising when we consider that it is as large as any of the college papers of old and established standing, and is supplied to our subscribers at the comparatively small price of 50 cents per year. The BEMA is now fairly established, and it is for our successors on the editorial staff to take up the work which we have begun, and from which we now retire, and make of this paper a grand success. As has been stated before, the BEMA is published in the interests of the Seminary and the students, and if rightly managed may be promotive of much good. We would thank the public for their kindly consideration, and our friends for their many words and notes of encouragement. We also desire to thank our subscribers and advertisers for their patronage in the past, and request a continuance of the same in the future. Please renew all subscriptions before the school opens on September 11th, and with your own fifty cents send in another for some of your friends. All who take an interest in the Seminary, and all who have friends connected with it, should subscribe for the BEMA, so that they may learn what is going on in connection with the school and their friends.

THE School Year is now ended, and the Seminary will remain closed until September 11th. During the vacation extensive improvements will be made, so that when the school again opens, it will be better than ever prepared for working to advantage.

The upper flat is to be finished and put in readiness for occupation; this will afford a great increase in accommodation, which the growth of the school requires. It is also purposed that the grounds shall be arranged and laid out as much as possible during the season, so that everything shall be as pleasant and attractive as possible.

Dr. Hopper says that the school has been self-sustaining during the past year, and this under the most adverse circumstances; and if the people would unite with him in their endeavors for the welfare of the Seminary there is no doubt but that it has before it a bright and successful future. The institution is heavily in debt on account of the expenses incurred in its erection, &c., and there are some floating liabilities which must be paid. He wants and must have \$5,000 within six months, to relieve the burden of this debt and make some necessary improvements; without this it is impossible for him to run the institution; he is unable to carry the whole thing along alone, burdened as it is; and to tell the plain truth he will not attempt any such impossible feat; he is willing to do his share, and more than his share, if the people will but help him and place him in a position to work to some advantage; but as it is, his hands are tied for lack of means. Now if the school is allowed a fair chance for its life, and is properly managed, there is not a doubt but that it will prosper, and soon free itself from all financial embarrassment. It has done grand work this year, and is prepared to do better the next. Already quite a number have signified their intention of joining the school at its next opening in September, and taking a course here.

Now the Baptist denominations of New Brunswick must remember that the Union Baptist Seminary is theirs, and it is their duty to stand by it and uphold it. The school has seen hard times during its existence, and is now at a crisis; neglect and forsake it now, and it is doomed forever; do their duty and give it the help it so sorely needs and success is assured. All the Dr. asks for at present is \$5,000. There are plenty men amongst the Baptists to whom this sum would be comparatively small; they could give it out at once