

improvements were effected in the Educational Department.

Before their time, however, important enterprises had been set on foot, the results of which have proved highly beneficial. Pictou Academy, founded in 1816, has administered wholesome training to large numbers. The Baptists followed in 1828, and this is their Jubilee year.

In a religious movement which took place at Halifax, many persons were converted, some of whom joined the Baptists, and attended the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Baptist Association, held at Horton, June 23, 1828. At that meeting a "Prospectus of a Literary and Theological Seminary," to be established at Horton, was presented and discussed, and it was unanimously resolved to establish "The Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society," the officers of which were appointed, viz.:—President, Rev. Edward Manning; Vice-Presidents, Rev. Charles Tupper, (now Dr. Tupper), and J. W. Nutting, Esq.; Treasurer, Simon Fitch, Esq.; Secretaries, E. A. Crawley, (now the Rev. E. Crawley, D.D.), and W. Chipman, Esq., (afterwards, the Rev. W. Chipman, of Cornwallis); Managing Committee, Dr. Lewis Johnson, Esq., Mr. W. Johnson, E. A. Crawley, Esq., Simon Fitch, Esq., W. Chipman,

We quote some passages from the Prospectus:—

"It is universally admitted that education has a powerful influence in the interests of religion, and the well-being of individuals and society. In this Province a wide field is open for exertion, with reference to this object; and the Baptists, as forming a very large portion of the population, are called on to engage in this good work, with the energy proportioned to the advantages in prospect, and earnestly to seek the Divine Blessing upon an undertaking bearing a close relation to the most important instincts of men.

"Two leading objects are to be regarded:—the primary one, in a religious point of view, is the providing suitable instruction, within the reach of young men who feel themselves called to the ministry of the gospel: such young men, raised up from time to time among us, sigh for the means of mental improvement, and thus powerfully claim the attention of all friends of the gospel in favour of this object, as one to which Providence seems to direct their labours.

"The second object, of vast importance in itself, and in the present state of the country important to the attainment of the first, is to establish a good Seminary for the general instruction of youth, so situated as to afford as much facility of communication with the various sections of the Province, as possible; and wherein the course of instruction, and the expenses of boarding and tuition shall be adapted to the state of society and the condition of the people in general; that thus the advantages of education may not, as has hitherto been too often the case, confined to the wealthy, nor the time of the youth occupied with pursuits but little calculated to fit them for the stations of life which they have the prospect of filling."

It was resolved, "that the Seminary be open to children and persons of any religious denomination."

At the next meeting of the Association held at Yarmouth, June 22, 1829, the Board of Directors reported that contributions had been promised to the amount of about £1100; that they had purchased for the Society a farm at Horton, containing good premises and sixty-four acres of land; that the Academy had been opened, under the presidency of the Rev. Asapel Chapin, from Amherst College, Mass.; and that about fifty young persons were receiving instruction.

Higher Education of Women in Great Britain.

A measure has just been adopted by the University of London, which clothes with interest the history of the struggle begun at Edinburgh eight years ago. It is now generally believed that the movement for bettering the education for women arose from their desire to enter the medical profession. With the impression of that desire in 1869 let us begin.

In March, 1869, the Dean of the Medical Faculty of the University of Edinburgh was asked to admit Miss Jen. Blake to the Medical Classes with a view to graduation. The request, after due deliberation, was granted. But some of the Professors, being opposed to the step petitioned against this temporary arrangement in the interest of one lady. Accordingly four other ladies came forward and joined with Miss Jen. Blake in an appli-