

N. S. Baptist Education Society.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Another year is now added to the history of Horton Academy, the influences, and efforts thereof are numbered with the past. In presenting this, our annual report, your Committee would in the first place, acknowledge the Divine Hand, by which our several labors have been directed, and return thanks to a kind Heavenly Father for His supporting grace, and guiding wisdom.

The year now past, does not fall behind any former period, in effort, on the part of your Committee; zeal and devotedness on the part of the teachers, or in results attending their efforts.

The attendance and the branches taught are as follows:—

ATTENDANCE.

The whole number of pupils for a longer or shorter period has been 116. The greatest number at one time 70. The least at one time 59, average 65.

BRANCHES TAUGHT.

English Department.—Spelling and Defining, Reading, Penmanship, Mental and Written Arithmetic, Book-Keeping, English Grammar and Analysis, History of England, Rome, and Greece, Natural Philosophy with experiments, Algebra, Legendre's Geometry, Mensuration, Land Surveying, English Composition, Declamation, Ancient and Modern Geography.

Classical Department.—Latin.—Andreu's Latin Grammar and Reader, Arnold's first and second Latin Book, Virgil's *Aeneid*, and Cicero's Orations.

Greek.—Kuhner's Greek Grammar and Exercises, Jacob's Greek Reader, Homer's *Iliad*.

French Department.—First Class.—Ollendorff's Reader. Second Class.—Ollendorff and Elementary French Reader.

The whole number in Latin was 45, in Greek 23, in French 16.

The following statement from Mr. Hartt will afford much satisfaction:—

"I feel much pleasure in reporting that the past year has been one of unusual prosperity, though the greatest number at one time falls a little below that of one or two previous years, yet the attendance has been much more regular and satisfactory and the average attendance considerably greater."

"The tone of morals, and the enthusiasm in study, have been very gratifying to the teachers. The regulations of the Institution have been strictly enforced, but there have been no cases in which mild discipline has not proved entirely successful. The securing of early rising has been effected through the praiseworthy co-operation of the senior pupils."

"We owe much thankfulness to God for the health that has prevailed among the large number of young persons congregated at the Academy, while the prevalent epidemic has carried off victims all around us, not one serious case has occurred among the boarders and resident pupils."

"I beg to speak in high terms of the ability and zeal of my excellent assistant Mr. D. F. Higgins, whose faithfulness in the duties assigned him could not be surpassed."

The Committee have therefore much satisfaction in reporting the healthful efficiency of the Academy. They would however remind their brethren that success is the reward of continued struggle, and untiring labor,—labor, approved of God, and sanctified, it is humbly hoped, to the noble aim of disseminating knowledge. The years of the Institution's history have been years of constant and unwearied assiduity on the part of its friends, and each upward step, has been the reward of christian diligence. Your Committee would ever keep this truth in view, and present it distinctly to the eye of the Baptist Denomination. The amount of labor put forth, must be the standard, to measure the hoped-for success. In all our denominational interests, labor and success, will balance each other. Let the energies of the Baptist Churches be once fairly and fully developed, and directed to the great interests of religious education, and no success as yet reached, will at all fore-shadow the happy result.

Your Committee are assured that the Academy is now accomplishing invaluable good. As a fact this is apparent to all, in any degree alive to the Educational interests of Nova Scotia. Our sons are there being educated and fitted for positions of honorable and useful employment. Our Churches are being supplied with ministers of the gospel, "workmen rightly dividing the word of life." And to some extent Teachers are going forth, well furnished for the all-important work of training the rising generation. We trust, that more attention will ere long be directed to this last mentioned department.

Such is the work now being accomplished, and such the work to which the friends and supporters of Horton Academy should address themselves, with ceaseless perseverance.

Are reasons for this enlarged aim demanded? We direct attention to the evident connexion between advancement in a sound and liberal education, and the future growth of Baptist principles, and Baptist Churches. God has ever honored such education and made it subservient to the growth of His Kingdom. The education your Committee and the Education Society, design furnishing is that which has stamped upon its every feature the spirit and power of Divine Truth. Such assuredly God will bless. Such assuredly must sustain a most commanding relation to the growth and future well being of Christ's Kingdom on earth. Nor will the bearing of this mental culture be restricted to the Church, but to a large extent influence the whole Province in all its commercial and political features. Ignorance is an evil, and one inspired declares, "That the soul be without knowledge, it is not good." The well being of our Province requires that, if possible every man, whatever his employment, should be educated. It prompts to self-Government, and inspires a spirit of manly independence, and is therefore the manifest desideratum of every people, resolved upon advancement.

The foregoing considerations demand that the Baptists of Nova Scotia should engage in their educational endeavours with renewed diligence. The object in view, and urging us forward is a noble and worthy one, its accomplishment will be an auspicious day.

We have already hinted, that at present the support asked for is not money. There is a support of more value than gold and silver. Among 13,000 members of Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia there are multitudes of young men of shining talents, who, ambitious of honor and emolument are daily cast into the great current of life, to succeed or not, as they are prepared or unprepared for the great life struggle. The Committee would affectionately invite such, to the privileges and advantages afforded at the Horton Academy. Many parents, whose highest earthly ambition is that their sons may pursue a virtuous and careful course in life,—sadly neglect the essential means of securing the coveted blessing. Often, indeed, are such laudable hopes blighted by an utter neglect of means, placed by a beneficent Providence within reach. We ask from such the privilege of educating their sons, of fitting them

to be what parental ambition and hope would desire. In a word your Committee ask their brethren, the Baptists of Nova Scotia to educate their sons at Horton Academy. This dear brethren is the support, the patronage your Institution demands.

The Teachers employed, the course of study pursued, the success already enjoyed, greatly emboldens us in reiterating these desires.

Such appeals as the above, your Committee, believe are reasonable and called for. With such ends in view, the Horton Institutions were called into existence. In this they have been sustained through a long course of years, many of which were years of trial and sacrifice; for this were formed all our plans for the future, and are expending ungrudgingly our resources. God grant that every Baptist may be ambitious to share alike, the labour and the blessings.

It is known that the Principal, J. W. Hartt, A. M., has resigned his office. The resignation was accepted, his long and honorable connection with the Institution, therefore, now closes. The resolution (given in the C. M. of June 20th.) embodies not only the feeling of this Executive Committee, but also, the sentiments of respect and esteem universally cherished. Mr. Hartt carries with him, a consciousness of having done his duty faithfully, and the lasting appreciation of those who received under his faithful instruction lessons of wisdom for coming years.

Your Committee are happy in having secured as Principal of Horton Academy for the ensuing year, the Rev. Thomas A. Higgins, of Liverpool, whose well known qualification ensure success.—Other arrangements will be completed in due time.

It is our earnest prayer that God's blessing may accompany the labors of His servants, and that the future will brighten more and more as we advance, and the day soon appear, when all who love the Savior's name and pray for the triumph of His Kingdom shall be found with willing and ready hearts coming to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

The Treasurer's account will shew the financial state of the Institution.

A. S. HUNT, Secretary.

[From the Minutes of the Western Baptist Association].

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Never in the history of the church of Christ did the work of evangelizing the heathen occupy so important a position, and demand so much prayerful effort as at the present time.

The work in which our churches are at present engaged in Burmah, is peculiarly interesting in many respects. The accounts received from Brother A. R. R. Crawley, shew that he is more than ever hopeful of a speedy and more general spread of the gospel amongst the Burmese. A letter dated March 14, 1860, received by the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Tupper, May 19, 1860, says:—

"I am spending a few days here where an assistant has recently been stationed. I am pleased to find him hard at work sowing the seed carefully and over a wide space—and in a manner which encourages the hope that the blessing of him who "giveth the increase" will not be withheld, Ko Choke is the name of the preacher now here.

Exclusive of one supported by the Brussel St. Juvenile Missionary Society, there are six native preachers in the employ of your Foreign Missionary Board. And I think your churches have reason to congratulate themselves that they have taken a part in the discipling of Burmah just at this time when—nor am I alone in this conviction—in various parts of the field signs of advancement and hopeful indications are so manifest that it is impossible to resist the conviction that christianity is about to achieve new triumphs among the Burmese."

The example of the Brussel Street Sabbath School in St. John, N. B., in supporting a native preacher is well worthy of imitation in other Sabbath Schools. The employment of native preachers in Burmah, appears to your committee a highly appropriate application of the funds of the Foreign Missionary Society.

The view of the Mission given in the last number of the *Christian Messenger* that the interior of China may be more effectually reached by this means, appears to your Committee a reason for continuing and increasing our labours in that country.

The attention of the Christian world being drawn to this important field, renders it an object worthy of the prayers, contributions and efforts of the churches in this Association, and in these Provinces.

E. F. FOSHAY, Chairman.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Unfounded report corrected.

MESSES EDITORS,

You are aware that many groundless reports get into circulation. In some instances this results from intentional falsehood. In others it proceeds from mistake, misapprehension, conjecture, &c. The credulity of many persons is truly wonderful. Without the slightest semblance of evidence they readily credit, and freely circulate, every idle and improbable rumour that reaches them, especially if it be in accordance with their own wishes. Some are misled by the adage, "There cannot be much smoke without some fire." According to the apostle James a great flame may be "kindled" by "a little fire," and that from any bad source, (James iii. 5, 6).

Many unfounded rumours that get afloat are utterly unworthy of notice. There are instances, however, in which it is expedient and proper to publish a correction. Silence may be regarded by some as furnishing confirmation. If no other injurious consequences follow, there may be contention and disaffection, which might be prevented, or stopped, by a simple statement of facts.

These thoughts have been suggested by the perusal of an inquiry made of you by an esteemed brother in New Brunswick, in reference to "a rumour current" and "going the rounds" in that Province. It will, of course, be quite suffi-

cient for me to say, that there is not one particle of truth in it. If I were conscious that "the Rev. D. Ritchey, of Halifax," had beaten me in "controversy," I am very much deceived in myself. I would not frankly acknowledge it. The fact is, however, that so far as my knowledge and recollection extend, no "controversy" on any subject ever occurred between that gentleman and myself.

Yours in gospel bonds,
Aylesford, June 22nd, 1850. CHARLES TUPPER.

For the Christian Messenger.

Temperance.

MR. EDITOR AND DEAR BROTHER:—

I wish to inform my friends that it is my intention, as Providence opens my way, to labor for the promotion of the cause of Truth and Temperance during the present summer and the coming fall in New Brunswick, Prince Edward's Island, and Nova Scotia, and I take this means of informing my brethren in Christ Jesus, with whom it was my good fortune to become in a measure acquainted when in your Province before, that I am yet rejoicing in the same Great and Gracious SAVIOUR that I made such frequent mention of in my letters and lectures on the occasion of my former tour of these Provinces. By Divine Grace and Divine Providence I have thus far been enabled to triumph over the world the flesh and the devil that for so many years I was a willing dupe of and a willing slave to until the LORD JESUS CHRIST set me free.

In my travels during the last four years that I have been publicly engaged in preaching the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and lecturing on Temperance I have met with varied trials and difficulties peculiar to all who attempt to do good in a world that hates holiness and derides and despises all who would be faithful in reproving, rebuking and exhorting sinners. Ever since I was by the Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ enabled to rejoice in the comforting influences of His Holy Spirit with that peace and comfort that maketh not ashamed, (see Paul to Romans 5th chapter) I have esteemed it a great privilege and an imperative duty to point my perishing erring and numbering fellow men to the Lamb of God who taketh away the load of sin and guilt from the consciences of the vilest and worst who come in the way He has appointed, confessing and forsaking all their sins and implicitly believing in the SAVIOUR whose blood cleanseth from all sins. What success has attended my efforts is of course only known to God. But from time to time we are favored with such indications a encouragement us to believe that God is making use of the feeblest and weakest of means to bring about the most marvellous and majestic of all results, namely the conversion of souls. Since I was with my friends in these Provinces before, I have visited Ireland, England and Wales, and in various counties of the two last named countries was favorably received by the people of God, and was privileged to lecture some sixty times during four months. Since my return to Canada in September last, I have been constantly lecturing and preaching in Canada West, having passed through upwards of eleven Counties and lectured and preached more than two hundred times. Thus you see, Sir, the good Lord is blessing me with health and strength. Since my return from England, the brethren of the regular Baptist Church at St. Catharine's, Canada West, considered that it would be proper for me to be ordained as a minister of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and accordingly I was examined by the regular authorities of the churches of the neighborhood, and ordained. I mention these particulars for the satisfaction of my friends and brethren of the Onslow Church, Nova Scotia, where I was baptized on the 3rd of January, 1859, and who take very great interest in my movements and in my welfare.

In reference to the Temperance cause, I have much good news to tell of what I saw in England, and of the zeal, and earnestness of the British people, in everything of good report as well as the Temperance cause. There is more *solidity* about the people in Britain than any where else in the world, so far as I have had experience. They are very active in promoting every good cause, and do not go by fits and starts, spells and spasms, as is to often the case in America. There is considerable *perseverance* as well as *pluck* in the ranks of the Temperance Reformers in Britain. And what I mean by *pluck* is courage to dare to do what duty dictates should be done. We have some great men in America, who are great philanthropists on *gala* days, or when some thing popular, grand or fashionable connected with the cause is on the stage. To see and hear these philanthropists on these occasions, the uninitiated, would be silly enough to imagine them real patriots, real philanthropists! But follow them into every day life and you find them false and counterfeit. They have no heart in the work and never enter the holes and hordes of misery and vice and poverty, to endeavor to seek and save the erring and wandering ones! In Great Britain some of the first nobles and Lords of the realm are the most zealous laborers in the moral and religious suasion departments, and go forth on their errands of love and mercy into the very lowest of the low places of vice and misery. And God blesses their efforts, and many a brand is thus plucked out of the fire, and restored to positions of usefulness in society, in the world and in the Church. It is true we have many real friends of the poor inebriate in America, but not as many as we would wish to see. And if our great people, on a small scale, in America were to imitate the examples of really great people in England, we would soon find drinking usages far more unpopular than they now are, and reformed men far more numerous than at present.

Truly yours,
JAMES A. DAVIDSON.

Chatham, New Brunswick, June 25th, 1860.

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notices.

LOUISA WOODBERRY,

Youngest daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Woodberry, of Tremont, Aylesford, was called home on the 11th day of June, 1860, at the age of 18 years and 30 days. Her natural disposition was mild and amiable; and she was beloved by her acquaintances. When a little under the age of fourteen years