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Report of the Executive Committee of the N. S. Baptist Education Society.

The Committee have much pleasure in again presenting the Annual Report of the operations of this Society. During the year now past the Institutions have had an enlarged measure of prosperity under the able management of its devoted Principal, and his faithful co-laborers. Nor has your Committee to complain of a falling off in the interest ever so warmly expressed by the friends of Horton Academy.

The attendance during the past year, has been as follows :

MALE DEPARTMENT, Whole number during year,.....140 Least 46 Average

FEMALE DEPARTMENT,

Least 44 Average

BRANCHES TAUGHT DURING THE YEAR.

In addition to the ordinary English branches, classes have been instructed in History, Ancient and Modern, Rhetoric, Mental, Moral and Natural Philosophy, Algebra, Geometry, Mensuration, Land Surveying, Botany, Geology, Chemistry, Physiology, Trigonometry, French, Latin and Greek.

THE MEMBERS ENGAGED IN THE VARIOUS STUDIES, tion. The large number of pupils in constant attendance suffi- prayers and christian sympathy of our brethren in the Lord, ciently indicates a most hearty appreciation of our labors in that all our deliberations and labors, may harmonise with that this direction. Your Committee may here remark, that the scheme of eternal truth, which contemplates in its every feaplan suggested at the beginning, of uniting some of the classes ture the Glory of God and salvation of men. June 23rd, 1862.

Mic-Mac Indian Society in P. E. Island.

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We are much pleased in noticing the formation of a Micmac Indian Society, a report of which will be found below. We congratulate our Indian brethren on this movement, and trust the most hopeful results to them may follow in its train.

REPORT.

A meeting of certain of the friends of the resident native Micmac Indians was held at the City Hall, on Saturday last, the 21st inst., in order to the formation of a society having for its object the elevation of this portion of our population from their depressed and suffering condition. Colonel P. D. Stewart, on being called to the chair, prefaced the proceedings with some appropriate observations. Theophilus Stewart, Esq., Indian Commissioner, then briefly reviewed the circumstances under which the This Committee would convey to Miss Shaw, late Principal of meeting had been convened, and the condition of the Indians of the Female Seminary at Horton, an expression of the high value this Island. The most satisfactory evidence was adduced, derivedthey have ever placed upon her services, and the high esteem in from his personal experience and intercourse with them, that the time had certainly arrived for the most vigorous efforts for the

had no doubt, would ultimately be found as "stars in his crown The Committee would assure Miss Shaw that she carries with of rejoicing !" The motion was seconded by Theophilus Des-Society be forthwith formed, to be called The Micmac Society of Prince Edward Island,-the same to consist of a President, Vice Presidents, and a Committee of not less than five members, with the usual office-bearers, with power to form Branch Associations, whose duty it shalt be to collect subscriptions in order to the formation of a fund to be apropriated to the civilization and relief of the Indians of this Island, and to invite and stimulate each family to draw its maintenance from the soil, and thereby facilitate the education of the rising generation ; and that a subscription of five shillings per annum do constitute an ordinary member, and a donation of five pounds a life member of the said Society.

with those in the Academy, under the instruction of Mr. Higgins and Mr. Jones, is found most advantageous, affording, a high course of study, for a very moderate charge. Your Committee would express its entire confidence, in the well proved ability of the Principal, and doubt not that his untiring energies will secure yet enlarged results.

Up to the close of the last Term, the Seminary was under. the management of Miss Shaw, whose experience and wellknown ability, eminently qualified her for the important trust. The hopes relative to the labors of this valued and estcemed preceptress, have been fully realized. Fears were, however, felt, that, Miss Shaw's health would not equal her activities and resolutions. These, we lament to say, have been realized, and in consequence Miss Shaw was constrained to vacate her chosen and loved employ.

The following Resolution, passed at a recent meeting of the Committee, will doubtless express the feeling, alike felt by all in any way connected with the Seminary :

which she is regarded.

Most deeply do they regret, that Miss Shaw's health constrains amelioration of their condition. her retirement to private life, especially at a time, when the The Hon. Dr. Young, on moving the following Resolution, cause of Female Education demands those labors for which they alluded, in terms of well-merited eulogy, to Mr. Stewart's unreare assured her high literary attainments so eminently qualify mitting exertions on behalf of this people, many of whom, he her.

her the most profound respect and esteem of all acquainted brisay, Esq., put to the meeting, and agreed to unanimously, viz : with her public labors and private deportment. They trust that Resolved, That in view of the necessitous state and condition God's blessing will rest upon and long preserve her life for useful- of the great body of the resident native Indians of this Island, a ness-and the enjoyment of His highest and best blessing.

Latin and Greek 44 French

By comparing the above with the reports of past years, it will be seen that, notwithstanding a depression, generally felt in the financial interests of the Province, the Institution continues to enjoy a good share of public patronage.

At the Examinations, during the year, your Committee could not fail to perceive that the pupils were making solid progress in a sound and well conceived Academic Course. Six of the pupils have recently matriculated, and some others expect to enter the College the ensuing term.

Your Committee are happy, in the assurance they strongly cherish, that the course of study, now pursued at the Institutions is practical, sound and judicious, and that the youth, enjoying the advantages of the school, can hardly fail in being well equipped for the various positions of life they may have to fill.

The Committee are assured, that with like confidence they may review the moral aspect of your Institutions, cases requiring severe discipline rarely occurring, while a willingness to submit cheerfully to established regulations at all times is distinctly manifest. Upon this subject Mr. Higgins reports as follows :---

The conduct of the pupils has been good. So large a number must of course include a considerable variety of character. Some irregularity and impropriety are to be looked for and deal with. But by far the larger proportion of the pupils, have given the teachers every reason to love and respect them; and the government of the school has, upon the whole, been a very easy and simple matter.

RELIGIOUS ASPECT.

A considerable number of the older pupils are professors of in the community, but the meetings have been well attended and deserve our serious attention. it can not but be hoped that through the united efforts of our pastor, the Sabbath School, Bible class, and personal christian effort seed has been sown which shall hereafter bring forth fruit. and received into the church at Wolfville.

As on former occasions, your committee would again appeal of whose rising generation the friends of Education have labored with unflinching resolution, and solicit a yet more enlarged expression of a permanent and growing attachment. to a cause, worthy the love of every christian man and true patriot. The conviction yearly deepens, that, although we enjoy enlarged prosperity, yet the average attendance is considerably below what your committee might expect. How largely the prosperity of Acadia College, is identified with success in Horton Academy, must to every thinking man be most apparent.

Our appeal demands no other arguments than those long before the public mind, and long imprinted on the hearts and consciences of the Baptists of this Province. The present aspect of the Institutions, their History,-and they have a history of no ordinary interest,-distinctly and strongly embody the views and purposes of this Denomination in relation to this most important enterprise. Let us be true to ourselves brethren, and to our children, and the fruits of our labors will gladden and bless unborn generations.

To secure the services of one well adapted to the office of Principal of a young Ladies Seminary, requires the exercise of no ordinary prudence and forethought. Of this your Committee is protoundly impressed, for notwithstanding the best regulation, and wisest economy, almost every thing must depend on the controling mind of the lady at the head of the Institution. The Committee, therefore, early took this matter into consideration, and correspondence was opened with parties, whose services we hoped to secure, and we are happy in being able to state, that an engagement has been made with Miss Reed of New York, a lady, your Committee believe, in every respect well qualified for her position. Miss Reed will enter upon her duties on the first of August.

It is generally known that the house occupied by the Seminary was rented, and tor which sixty pounds per annum was paid. The building has recently been sold and consequently we now have to do with new owners, we however hope, in some way, to secure its continued occupancy. In the mean time, if the Denomination decide upon sustaining a Female Institution at Horton, efforts must be put forth, for erecting upon our own grounds a suitable edifice. Nothing has as yet been done beyond the mere suggestion of the idea. Plans, raising of funds &c., are yet to occupy your attention, and your Committee trusts that some scheme, wise and congenial to the dispositions and abilities of the denomination, will be produced, and that the Baptist people, in their devotedness to this branch of our Educational effort will give a response, worthy of themselves, and of the educational convictions, so long and nobly fosreligion. There has been no revival influences in the school nor tered. The following "general remarks" by the Principal

GENERAL REMARKS.

The time has come for the Baptists of Nova Scotia to take One member of the Female Seminary has been recently baptized higher ground with reference to the great work of education. The system adopted should take a wider scope. The College can flourish only in the same proportion as the Academy is liberally to the entire Baptist Denomination of N. S., for the bencfit sustained and efficiently worked. The latter is the foundation, not in a financial but in an educational point of view, of the whole fabric. Let the foundation grow weak and the building must fall. In order that the Academy may become really vigorous and be able to meet the demands of the denomination some effort and improvement are indispensable.

1. A Primary Department should be at once established. The inhabitants of Wolfville have a right to claim this at our hands. The Academy takes the older of the pupils while the younger both male and female are left in a worse condition than in ordinary school districts. If we profess to educate the community the scheme should meet the wants of all.

2. Female education should be promptly and efficiently provided for.

The denomination has a right to claim this.

We throw our educational burden upon the churches. We say "it is your duty to support, uphold and protect." The churches are composed of brethren and sisters. Without the sympathy of both we can not prosper. Here we have a right to say to every one thirsting for knowledge of whatever age or sex "we are making provision for you, and can offer advantages second to none in this country."

In order to secure the two things referred to above, a thorough Primary School and an efficient Female department, commodious

The following office-bearers were then appointed :---President : Capt. Orlebar, R. N.

Vice Presidents : Rev. D. FitzGerald and Colonel Stewart. Secretary and Treasurer : Theophilus Stewart, Esquire. Committee : Rev D. B. Parnther, Hon. Dr. Young, His Worship. the Mayor, Capt. Hancock, R. N. J. B. Cooper, Esq.,-any three of whom shall form a quorum,-Protestant.

Burden Bearers.

Some years since, a gentleman was invited by a friend to make a speech at the anniversary of one of our great benevolent societies. When the time arrived, the speaker looked around the platform for the face of his friend, whom he had regarded as the leader in the enterprise ; but he was no where to be seen. During the exercises, however, he cast his eyes up to the multitude which thronged the gallery of the largest building in the great city, and there, in an obscure corner, sat his noble friend. When the meeting was over, the hidden man came forth with joy in his face, thanking one another for their efforts, and expressing great pleasure in the prosperity exhibited by the report and attendance. "But," asked the speaker already alluded to, "I thought you

were the President of this society ?"

" O, no I am not." replied the modest man.

"Then you are one of the Vice Presidents, surely," returned the gentleman.

" No, I am not."

" Are you the Secretary then, or the Treasurer ?"

" No, neither of these."

"Then what are you! What office do you fill in the Board ?"

"None, sir; I have no office, and never had, unless, if you

hoose, you may call me the pack-horse of the enterprise !" That was just the worthy man's office-the pack-horse or burden-bearer,

Now this eccentric but godly man was one of a very valuable class of laborers in God's work on earth. His whole soul was absorbed in doing the work which his Father had given him to de. He cared not what post he filled ; he never sought, and could rarely be induced to accept an office ; but that part of the work which was too humble for any one else to perform, he considered, and assumed as especially his. Now the cause of God on earth requires laborers of many grades and names ; prophets, apostles, writers, exhorters, and last, but by no means least-givers.

In all ages of the church, God has had, besides his more public servants, a strong relay of these hidden ones, the burden-bearers of his precious cause and wherever, in our own day, we see any enterprise for the good of man and the glory of God advancing prosperously, we may be sure that He has appointed there a band of burden-bearers, although they may be at times so far under the load as to be out of sight .- Macedonian.

Dr. Nevin en Baptism.

Your Committee would invite especial attention to the rebuildings, thoroughly fitted and furnished are indispensible, and Dr. Nevin, of the Mercersburg Review, has a hearty abhorrence sult of efforts but recently made to found at Horton an Instithe time has fully come for the friends of education to take hold of Baptists as a most unchurchable sect, but he is candid enough tation for Female Education. One year and a half since, after of the work. to admit that lexicography and history both testify in their favor. mature deliberation, your Committee entered upon this new Your Committee while viewing the past with grateful emo-He has little respect for those Pedobaptists who pervert the field of labor, then a mere experiment, now a complete success. tions, would thank God and take courage, assured are they and the encouragement to continuance, your Committee can that God has owned the labors of his servants, and made Scriptures and church history in their controversial zeal. His speak in language most confident, and rejoice, that we now your society in His hand a blessing of priceless value. Our admissions are very significant :---" The original sense of the word baptize is, on the whole, in have in healthful operation a Female Seminary, affording to trust is yet in him from whom cometh our help. Ever desiryoung ladies a high and thorough course of Academic instruc- ing to realise this, we would, before all other claims, seek the their favor. It corresponds with the idea of immersion much