

of great difficulties met and overcome by the noble men who have been the standard bearers of higher education among the Baptists of these Provinces.

Dr. Trotter entered on the work with a strong faith in God, and in the people who had called these institutions into existence. Early in the history of the movement the inspiring news was received that Mr. John D. Rockefeller the munificent patron of Chicago University had signified his intention of donating \$15,000. to Acadia upon the condition that the remaining \$60,000. be raised. With the stimulus of this first generous gift the movement was carried on with vigor and enthusiasm, and as the months passed by the hope of obtaining the full amount became stronger and stronger until at last the hearts of all lovers of Acadia were gladdened by the announcement made at the beginning of this new year that there was in the possession of the Board to the credit of the Forward Movement Fund in cash and valid pledges the sum of \$63,112.50. The condition made by Mr. Rockefeller in contributing the \$15,000. has thus been met, leaving a margin for possible shrinkages.

The appeals made by the President and those who assisted him in the canvass met with a ready and hearty response which shows how deeply the welfare of these institutions is intrenched in the hearts of the Baptists of these Provinces. Dr. Trotter in his letter to the Messenger and Visitor states :

"The response has been noble and inspiring. The people in easy circumstances have shown a generous interest, and have contributed in sums of \$400 and upwards, about \$15,000. The people in moderate circumstances have done handsomely ; and a good many hundreds of persons have subscribed, who must save from scanty earnings the amounts for which their names stand. Many a poor widow has devotedly cast in her mite. Among the pleasant surprises mid-way in the year was an unsolicited joint subscription from our devoted missionary band in India, amounting to \$500. It is significant of the extent and depth of the interest taken by our own people, that less than \$5,000. of the entire subscription (leaving out of view Mr. Rockefeller's gift) has come from outside the provinces ; and that of the sum obtained in the provinces less than \$2,000 has come from friends of other denominations. It is equally significant that the subscription list contains no less than 2,700 names."

The securing of this large amount will be of great value to these institutions at the present stage of their history. But we believe that there are other advantages which will accrue in the future, as a result of the strong canvass that has been made. Perhaps never before have the needs of the college and her value as an educative force been brought so clearly before the people, and we shall be surprised if there are not a few legacies left to Acadia as a result of this Forward Movement. Again, during the canvass the President met a large number of young men and women who were thinking of taking a