

man of experience in the world than of profound learning; for it is more necessary that the pupil be formed for conducting himself with prudence in the world, and be fortified against those temptations to which he will be exposed in active life, than that his head should be (merely) stuffed with Latin and Logic." I am happy to know that any deficiency on my part is more than supplied by the attainments of the gentlemen with whom I have the honour to be associated; gentlemen whose freshness from College pursuits, whose attainments and successful labours in this Institution as an Academy, point them out as peculiarly qualified by their learning and zeal, to instruct the youth entrusted to our care in the various branches of a scientific and literary education; while it will be my province and my aim, in coming to their assistance, to occupy the moral and more practical departments of Educational instruction, by connecting the acquisitions of knowledge with the duties and interests of private and public life—that you may go forth from this Institution not merely sound scholars, but qualified and disposed to discharge your duties as Christians and citizens in all the relations to which the guidings of Providence, the authorities of your country, and the voice of your fellow-subjects may call you. Two of the best and most laborious years of my life have been employed in promoting the establishment of this Institution; and, if my humble labours will in any way contribute to its successful operations and usefulness, they shall be freely and unreservedly bestowed—deeply convinced as I am of its infinite importance to the educational, moral, and general interests of a large portion of my fellow-subjects, if not of the Province at large.

The Collegiate Course of Study, as well as the Preparatory Studies—prepared after much consideration—will be published without delay.

The present Session, commencing with the attendance of a larger number of Students than have attended at the commencement of any previous Session, augurs well for the future. Had we even commenced upon a scale more limited, and with an attendance less numerous, there would still have been ground for encouragement and hope. The University of Glasgow began, in 1450, with one Professor in Theology and three in Philosophy. Marischal College, Aberdeen, began with a Principal and two Professors. At the first foundation of the University of Edinburgh, only one Professor was appointed, and he the Minister of the city. And the celebrated University of Cambridge itself commenced in the twelfth century under the auspices of an Abbot and two Monks, who hired and delivered public lectures in a *barn*! Encouraged by such examples, and animated by our present prospects, we confidently anticipate extensive success and usefulness in the future operations of this Institution. For your success and happiness, my young friends, I feel the deepest solicitude; with the parents of several of you I have been a school-fellow in my boyhood; and it is my earnest wish and prayer, and will, I am sure, be the united endeavour of your Instructors, that your attendance here may be eminently beneficial to you all, and be followed by lives of virtue, honour, and usefulness.