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## ADDRESS

*To His Honor the Honorable Adams George Archibald, Lieutenant-Governor  
in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia and its dependencies,  
Sec., Sec., Sec.*

We, the members of the Educational Association of Nova Scotia, met in annual Convention, desire to present our congratulations to your Honor and to express our unfeigned satisfaction at seeing a native of our Province, who has served his country with ability, fidelity and success, promoted to the high office of Governor.

Our satisfaction is generally enhanced by the fact that as a representative of the people from a patriotic sense of duty your honor lent the full weight of your talents and character to the establishment of the present system of public education in Nova Scotia, which in spite of some defects, incidental to law in general and its administration, has conferred very substantial benefit on our country. We are thoroughly persuaded that your Honor is fully alive to the value of education in promoting the intellectual, moral and material interests of any community, and facilitating the operation of Civil Government; and we are assured that in the high position to which Providence has raised you, you will exert all your personal and official influence to aid in perfecting and consolidating our free public school system of education.

In the discharge of the duties incumbent on us as teachers of youth, we cheerfully recognize it to be our duty to inculcate by precept and example sentiments of loyalty to our beloved Queen, and obedience to law and constituted authority. We are not without hope that such sentiments in the minds of the young, who enjoy the advantages of education, may be the strongest defence of the country in the hour of trial and danger.

Wishing you all personal happiness and much success in your Government, we, in the name, and by the authority of the Association beg to subscribe ourselves your honor's humble servants.

On behalf of the Association.

A. McNUTT PATTERSON, President.  
D. M. STERNS, Secretary.

## REPLY.

GENTLEMEN, I thank you sincerely for your address; it is a peculiar pleasure to me to be assured of the kind feeling of your association.

I recognize most fully the high position of Teachers of youth. I appreciate the immense influence they exercise in forming the principles and moulding the character of our population. The men and women of a few years hence, will be largely what the instruction they receive at school shall have made them. Upon our teachers therefore, to a very great extent, depend the future of our country.

It is a pleasure to me to know, and I have had a good opportunity of knowing that as a body, the teachers of this Province will compare favor-