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Hon. J. W. Johnston, D. C. L.

In the eye of the Omnipotent Ruler of the Universe, no events occurring in any portion of His Dominion are of slight import. They are all factors in the unfolding and carrying out of the inscrutable decrees of the Divine Providence.

To the purblind sight of many of the Baptists of that day, save for the wound to their pride, the fact that the Revd. Dr. Crawley was refused a chair in the city college then about to be resuscitated, was a matter of but little significance. In the purposes of that God whose omniscience is not bounded as man's limited vision the hour had arrived when the growth and uplifting of the Baptist cause in this Province required that that Body should control an Institution of their own, at which their sons could receive under religious influences the higher educational culture without exposure to the temptations and allurements inseparable from city life.