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gratifying fact of the union of the Baptists in these Provinces for this object, together with the noble subscription raised for the purpose of liquidating the heavy debt on the Institution, tend still further to encourage and cheer me, showing that the interests of Acadia College have a high place in the esteem of the Denomination with which it is especially identified, and that they will not be suffered to fall into decay.

When I call to mind the persevering devotedness and self-denial with which my predecessors pursued their course, and the respect in which they are on that account deservedly held by the churches, I feel that I enter upon the office under far different circumstances, and that I cannot hope to reach the position to which they have attained. Yet I trust that by the manifestation of sincere and ardent desire for the prosperity of the cause, and by diligent attention to the duties of the station in which I am placed, I shall succeed in gaining your confidence.

I have come, therefore, believing that my brethren here will evince a generous sympathy, and heartily co-operate with me in the good work. I have come, expecting to find a chivalrous zeal for education, and determined endeavour, on your parts, by judicious and liberal arrangements, to establish and maintain a course of instruction so appropriate and comprehensive that the youth of the Provinces will feel the force of the attraction, and seek to satisfy, within these walls, their desire for knowledge. I shall not be disappointed. You have ventured on a bold experiment, and you will succeed. Resources will not be wanting. United as one man in the prosecution of this undertaking, and constantly invoking the blessing of Almighty God, Acadia College is safe in your hands. *Esto perpetua*—is the fervent prayer of her sons!