

choicest blessings may attend you and that abundant success may crown your labors is the prayer of the McMaster students."

During the years of pastoral service in Wolfville, marked progress was manifested in all the departments of Church life. The financial receipts largely increased, a handsome parsonage was built and constant additions were made to the Church's strength and membership. To the students, these years of ministration were especially valuable as was evinced by an enlarged appreciation for the Word of God and increased interest in the exercises of Divine worship. The conferring of the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. Mr. Trotter by McMaster University in May of this year, was a graceful act on the part of our sister Institution and a source of gratification to all the friends of Acadia; for as preacher, pastor and friend, Dr. Trotter has greatly endeared himself to the people of Wolfville, the graduates of Acadia and the students in the several departments of these Institutions. His ministrations have been conducive to spiritual development and earnest Christian living. At the same time they have been thoroughly educative, thus in the truest sense contributing to genuine culture and growth. The students feel that in Dr. Trotter each has a warm personal friend. For him there is the most cordial feeling of esteem and confidence. It was therefore but natural that when the announcement was made that he had been chosen as the new President of Acadia, the declaration should be received with pleasure and satisfaction.

Dr. Trotter has made a most favorable impression upon the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces. He has their confidence in no small degree. He was the preacher of the Convention sermon at the last annual gathering in St. John, the unanimous testimony in regard to which is that it was an exceedingly able and eloquent address. Already President Trotter is becoming well known to the constituency of the University. In fact he was not really a stranger when he first came into our borders as pastor. On several previous occasions he had visited the Provinces and spoken before Conventions and other assemblies. On one of these visits—May 5, 1887—he was united in marriage to Miss Freeman, daughter of the late Rev. David Freeman, M. A., of sainted memory. Mrs. Trotter is a graduate of Acadia Seminary, has studied at Wellesley Ladies' College, and has held important positions on the staff of instructors in the N. B. Seminary in St. John and in Woodstock College. Possessing a trained mind, a ready sympathy, and untiring devotion to the interests of Religion, Mrs. Trotter has been able to contribute generously to the President's successful pastoral career and professional service.

In an article in the issue of February 17, Rev. S. McC. Black, M. A., the brilliant editor of the *Messenger and Visitor*, has these words