

His vigorous intellect, clear conceptions, sound judgment, comprehensive grasp of truth, readiness of speech, and forcible eloquence, combined with intelligent and fervid piety, eminently qualified him for usefulness. He was another Barnabas, "a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith," and his labours, unusually protracted, were blessed to multitudes, who will be his "joy and crown of rejoicing" in the day of the Lord. While we render thanks to God for the grace bestowed upon him, and for the advantages which this Institution derived from his patronage and co-operation, we cannot but deeply mourn the breach which has been made by his removal. Nor can it be concealed from us that there are others, in different parts of the Province, whose continuance with us is fast hastening to a close. Even now it may be said of some that they are "dressed for the flight, and ready to be gone." May the mantle of love and zeal fall in every instance on a worthy successor! And may the younger members of our churches ever follow the examples of their patriarchal predecessors, in their cordial advocacy and support of our Educational Institutions!

Invited by the Governors of this College to assume the Presidency, I have responded to the invitation, after much reflection and prayer, and stand this day before you in the official character which has been conferred upon me. I undertake the office with a deep conviction of the responsibilities which it involves. I should shrink from those responsibilities, and from the trial and anxiety which must unavoidably be encountered, were it not for the assurance which I entertain that in answering this call I have obeyed the voice of God, on whose promises of aid his servants may confidently rely when they walk in the path of duty. The cordiality with which the invitation was extended, and the