

well entitled as the present President elect to be their successor,—now that her foundations have extended themselves into our sister Colonies, and the Baptist bodies of the three Provinces, like kindred columns, support the edifice. From his talents, energy, and learning, and the able assistance of his Reverend and learned Colleague, Professor Chipman, whose devoted and effective labours in the cause are so well appreciated, the friends of Acadia College may encourage the expectation of seeing their fondest hopes realised.

The venerable Chairman followed ; he gave the right hand of Fellowship to the President, cordially welcoming him to his new office, and assured him, in his (the Chairman's) peculiarly fervent style, that the friends of the College would give him their sympathy and support, concluding by the expression of earnest desire that his labours would be blessed to the advancement of the spiritual interests of many who would be placed under his care. The Rev W. Chipman offered prayer, invoking the blessing of God on the union which has just been recognized. The President then delivered an Inaugural Address.]

I rejoice that it is not necessary, on the present occasion, and before this assembly, to plead on behalf of learning. I stand in the midst of the friends of education. You require no convincing argument or persuasive oratory on this subject. If there were ever any doubts in your minds, those doubts have been long since removed. The inspired sage has taught you that "for the soul to be without knowledge it is not good," and that divine saying has been illustrated and confirmed by the experience of accumulated centuries. Instructed by the records of past ages, and contemplating the human constitution in the light in which it is presented to view by the best and holiest authors, you regard the intellectual powers of man as capable of high cultivation ; you recognise also the duty of cultivating them, and of employing mind with all its acquisitions, for worthy purposes. You deem it of great importance that man should become acquainted with the works of God, and investigate the laws which he has instituted in the kingdom of nature, both animate and inanimate,—and that he should know the