

## PREFATORY NOTE.

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THE following narrative has been prepared for publication at the suggestion of Contributors and Friends of the Memorial to the late venerated Dr. Forrester.

As an enterprise of public interest, the first example of a Provincial Testimonial in recognition of important Educational services rendered to the country, it was deemed worthy of a more permanent record than could be afforded by the comparatively ephemeral notices of the newspaper press.

It was also considered proper to remove any misapprehensions that might exist, in any quarter, as to the merits of the unhappy controversy, created last summer, by the pretensions of certain parties—some indifferent, some hostile, to the undertaking—claiming a right to interfere with the Memorial Committee and control their work.

For this purpose ALL the material facts and documents of the case—the *major part of which*, the organs of the Local Government, while professing to publish the official correspondence between the Memorial Committee and the Government, *thought proper to suppress*—are now, for the first time, given to the public in these pages.

Had the Committee been desirous, they would have had no difficulty in finding a place for the missing correspondence in the columns of the opposition press. They were resolved, however, rather to incur the risk of misrepresentation, than, for a single moment, allow the sacred memory of the dead to be prostituted to the purposes of political partizanship.

The suggestion of printing the whole matter in pamphlet form seemed the most satisfactory way of accomplishing the two objects above mentioned. This would have been done in August last, immediately after the Convention of the Educational Association, but the difficulty of obtaining a meeting of the Committee during the vacation delayed action until recently.

The matter is now fully before the Public, in whose judgment the Committee confidently leave the issue.

HALIFAX, N. S., OCTOBER, 1872.