

vince have merited the commendation of those whose good opinions I most highly value.

and thank you for your prayers on behalf of Mrs. Wilmot and myself; and in the spirit of fraternal love most sincerely do I pray that the great head of the church may abundantly bless and prosper you in all your efforts for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

ADDRESS TO PROFESSOR HOPPER.

The following Address was presented to Rev. J. E. Hopper, on his resignation as Principal of the Institution:

DEAR BROTHER—The Managing Committee of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society, having duly considered your letter of resignation, tendered on the 9th instant, together with the conscientious convictions of duty upon which it is based,—though deeply regretting your retirement from the Institution,—cannot do otherwise than accede to your wishes. You tell us it is the first wish of your heart to devote the best energies of your life unreservedly to the great work of the Christian ministry. Our hearts respond, God speed you in the accomplishment of His will in this matter. But the Committee cannot allow you to retire from your present important post without expressing their deep sense of obligation for the *ability, fidelity, and earnestness* which you have brought, so successfully, to bear upon the interests committed to your trust. Your progress in elevating the intellectual character of the Institution, and in promoting, in all respects, its efficiency and expansion, has been quite equal to our most sanguine expectations; and it is pleasing to know that on your retirement you cherish the most lively hopes of the future success of the enterprise which you now commit to other hands.

On parting with you, dear brother, be assured that you carry with you our undiminished confidence and good will, and that we most fervently pray that the God of all grace will give you a successful future in the ministry of His word, and make you largely instrumental in guiding precious souls to the Saviour.

I. E. BILL, *Chairman.*

TO THE NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

DEAR BRETHREN—In retiring from my post, as Principal of the Baptist Seminary, it is a source of great pleasure to be assured that my efforts to promote the interests of your Seminary, have met your hearty approval. For over three years we have laboured harmoniously, and not without favourable results. We have made an average of over one hundred students per year. Our Legislative grant has been increased, and the old debt on the Institution has been all but wiped out. This last matter, brethren, let me urge you to prosecute assiduously, that we may see our Seminary relieved of this clog upon its growth by the meeting of our Association.

The Seminary and its interests shall ever be dear to me; and was it not that I believe it the will of God that I should engage in the work of the Gospel ministry, I would gladly devote my energies to the accomplishment of the work it has in charge. Never has its future seemed brighter to me than at the present time, and I feel assured that the judi-