

of this Institution with foresight and devotion. Acadia will remember the graduates of '97 and at the same time trusts and believes they will ever cherish a green spot in memory for their kind and beneficent Alma Mater. Go forth, '97, fulfil your mission and generous and joyous be your rewards.

Problems and Inspirations in the Future of Acadia.

Inaugural Address delivered by Rev., T. Trotter, D. D., at his installation as President of Acadia University, in College Hall, Oct. 14.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen of the Board of Governors and Senate, Gentlemen of the Faculty, Ladies and Gentlemen :—

I should be wanting in sensibility if I did not feel at this moment that a signal honor was being put upon me by my brethren. That I should be deemed worthy to follow in the line of those noble men whose careers, as presidents of this College, have been so strikingly sketched by Dr. Saunders ; that a body of men so experienced as I see about me should have confidence in entrusting me with this position ; that it should be my privilege to be presented to this audience by the two venerable and distinguished men who have just led me to this platform—this is an honor for which I can find no adequate explanation either in my person or my qualifications. I can but attribute its bestowal to a very generous estimate of my attainments and character, and to the hopes entertained of what I may become, rather than to the recognition of what I am. If, however, I am sensible of the honor conferred, equally sensible am I of the greatness of the responsibilities imposed. Indeed, so preponderant is the latter feeling over the former, that I stand before you in no spirit of elation, but rather in that of humble hopefulness that my brethren have made no mistake in calling me to this service, and that, if God's will has found expression in their action, He will make manifest the fact by the bestowal of abundant grace for the discharge of the duties I now assume.

In selecting a subject for presentation at this time, it has seemed appropriate that I should speak rather from the presidential than the professorial point of view, and should deal with practical rather than theoretical topics. The subject of my remarks will be

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To say that there are problems in the future of Acadia is not to say that she has not already solved, and that in noblest fashion, problems of the hardest sort ; it is not to hint at weakness, or to insinuate that her life and efficiency are in peril ; it is but to suggest that she aspires to an expanding future, that with the growth of her attainments there has come a growth of her ideals, and that in the