

make it beyond question that this attack was animated by personal spite.

Religiously, Mr. Longley was brought up a Baptist and educated in a Baptist college. While at Acadia he united with the Baptist church at Wolfville and was baptized in the Gaspereau River, May 24th, 1868. After leaving Wolfville and coming to Halifax, however, he did not continue to attend the Baptist church and was known to have developed very broad and liberal views in relation to religious topics. His mind is naturally religious, and profoundly impressed with the importance of spiritual things as against mere worldly possessions, and a considerable portion of his energies in recent years has been expended in endeavoring to impress those about him, both by speech and writing, that spiritual matters were being ignored in this materialistic age, and the whole energies of mankind bent upon the acquisition of wealth, the development of trade, the inventions of machinery and the promotion of mere comfort of the body.

This arraignment of the age has evoked bitter hostility in various quarters, especially from the class who are at all times worshippers of things that *are*, and who cling to a fatuous optimism which would preclude the possibility of genuine reform.

Since his marriage Mr. Longley has been identified with the Episcopal church in Halifax.

Mr. Longley has taken an active interest in educational matters for a number of years past, and has been frequently called upon to address educational meetings, notably on the occasion of the meeting of the Dominion Educational Association in Halifax last August, when he evoked more than usual interest by an address widely circulated, inveighing the present school system as lacking in a proper recognition of the spiritual element.

Though no longer identified with the Baptist body, Mr. Longley has preserved a loyal devotion to the university of Acadia college. He has been continually a member of the Alumni Society, has been twice President of that body, and has been for a number of years a Senator, and taken an active part in the meetings of the Senate.

In 1897 he delivered the annual address before the Senate in June, and the degree of D. C. L. was conferred upon him on Commencement day of that year. For several years past he has been Chairman of the Senate Visiting Board of Acadia College and this year is Chairman of the Senate Visiting Board of Acadia Seminary.

In recognition of his literary work, Mr. Longley was this year unanimously elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and attended its meeting at Ottawa in May last. He has also been for two years past President of the N. S. Historical Society. For many years past he has been invited to lecture in various parts of the Dominion, and a few years ago was employed by a lecture bureau and spent some time on the lecture platform professionally in certain parts of the New England States. The subjects of these lectures are too num-