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than fulfilled the repeated requests mentioned at its commencement, that I would publish information concerning public events, and affairs which occurred in the Province during the earliest years of the present century; and I earnestly hope that the various narratives and events related, and the remarks thereon may be found generally interesting, and in some degree instructive also. And I will assume the freedom of expressing the further hope and earnest desire that the present and all succeeding generations of our people, under a gracious and beneficent providence, may find that by their active industry and integrity in their several professions and employments, the secular interests and prosperity of their country are largely promoted. But far higher reasons will they have for rejoicing and thankfulness, if there is an equal or greater advance in religious and moral attainments and social happiness.

