

vernors was solicitous to obtain the best possible man to fill the presidency. Their choice fell upon Dr. Cramp and he responded to their invitation in words which truly outlined his subsequent career. "I respond to your call and henceforth devote myself to the cause of Education and Religion in Nova Scotia, especially as connected with Acadia College."

On June 20 he was formally installed President,—delivering on that occasion an inaugural address, which was a striking exhibit of the claims and benefits of christian culture. This Inaugural was issued in pamphlet form and had a wide circulation. After entering upon his new duties Dr. Cramp's first efforts were given to improving the College finances. Dependence upon fees or annual subscriptions was hazardous and it was resolved at his suggestion to attempt to raise an Endowment of £10,000 in £100 Scholarships or fractions thereof, the time for securing the whole sum to be limited to one year. This scheme was adopted in April, 1852, and before Dec. 31st the sum of £12,000 was pledged. The doctor's heart was in this work and he was greatly rejoiced at its ultimate success. It was in the summer of this year that Prof. Chipman and four students were drowned. This sad event cast a gloom for a time over the College. Many of its friends were disheartened, but the President bore up bravely under the affliction, after the first shock of the intelligence had spent its force. What its first effects were may best be learned from his own words. He writes, "I cannot attempt reflections, for I can scarcely think. It is a stunning stroke. God have mercy on the widow and fatherless, on sorrowing friends, on our Churches and Institutions so sorely bereft." Until additional Professors were appointed in Sept. 1853, Dr. Cramp did a large share of the College teaching himself. His capacity for work seemed almost unlimited, and he taught various subjects with equal facility. He required very little physical recreation and was thus enabled to give nearly all his waking hours to his classes, his books or his manuscripts. In Sept. 1853, Dr. Crawley returned to the College and a new department was created called the *Theological Institute*. Dr. Cramp was made Principal of this and Professor of Logic, Political Economy and History, in the Arts course. Dr. Crawley

was appointed President of the College proper, and Professor of Hebrew in the Institute. This arrangement continued in force till Dr. Crawley's withdrawal in Jan., 1855, after which Dr. Cramp remained in charge of both departments. He subsequently held the presidency till his resignation in 1869. During these years the College, through passing through severe financial trials, did excellent work. The professors were scholarly men and the graduates of this period are, many of them, filling important position in society to day.

Dr. Cramp wished to retire from public life in 1866, but the board of Governors were unwilling to release him. On this occasion they unanimously passed the following resolution.—Resolved, "That this meeting has learned with deep regret the Rev. Dr. Cramp's determination to resign the Presidency of Acadia College. In his official position at the head of the College, as a Governor, and as connected with our Institutions and the Denomination generally, no language can express too strongly the appreciation in which he is held. His retirement, viewed from any standpoint, can be regarded only as a calamity. The Board cannot admit that in any respect Dr. Cramp's age has in the slightest degree impaired his usefulness or efficiency. "In June 1869, Dr. Cramp severed his official connection with the College. He had the satisfaction of knowing that its future prosperity was assured, that in the matter of professors, students and endowment a respectable status had been obtained, and that growth in these various directions might be confidently expected. He had steered the ship through troublous waters and brought it into quiet seas and he could resign his command with the proud consciousness that his unremitting labors in the cause of higher education had borne much fruit. During the remainder of his life he continued his literary labors as constantly as his failing energies permitted, waiting in the quiet of his study for his Master to call him up higher. When at length the summons came he was gathered into the garner as a sheaf fully ripe. He has gone from us, but he has left behind the legacy of a noble life.

Dr. Cramp was an able and consistent advocate of the Temperance movement. He was