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## That \$100,000.

WE hope ere thus that the additional endowment so heartily voted by the Convention last August is felt by every Baptist in these Lower Provinces, to be essential to the future prosperity of Acadia College. In these days of progress, to stand still is to be left behind. We must advance. We must have increased facilities, year by year, for training our young men. What we have done well in the past we must do better in the future. This progress however is dependent upon an enlargement of the College income, and if that is increased by the addition of \$100,000 to the endowment fund, a bright future is before Acadia College. We cannot persuade ourselves that the Baptists of these Provinces will ever allow their cherished institution to languish for lack of financial support. They would be recreant to their principles and unworthy of their honored ancestors, could they for a moment entertain the thought. Let them but contribute of their means as did the friends of the College in the past, and the sum is secured.

In 1850 the College needed \$8000; it was raised within 3 months. In 1852, \$48,000 was pledged in less than a year. Of this sum, one agent secured over \$16,000 in four weeks. During the quarter of a century that has since elapsed the Baptists have made rapid advances in numbers and wealth. Let them honor the Lord with their substance by contributing to an institution which has enjoyed so many evidences of God's favor. The praiseworthy sacrifices, made by the denomination in the past, instead of being an argument for present inaction, should rather be an incentive to renewed effort. We subjoin the following extract from a speech, delivered by the late Judge Johnston, as some of its utterances are quite appropriate to the present emergency:—

“Let the denomination look to what it has done in the cause of Education. Great and noble have been their efforts and *without parallel* in the province. Oh, let these achievements not be the cause of deeper degradation by any failure now. But if these institutions are to be destroyed, let not the unhallowed work be wrought by enemies without. Let Baptists do it; let them deliberately plan and fearlessly fulfil the work of destruction. And while they apply the torch, and the flames fly up as a swift witness to heaven, let them remember that the foundations of these walls were laid in the counsels and the prayers of the fathers of the denomination—some of them now in heaven—and it might be, if such should be permitted, looking down with grief and pity on the reckless deed. Let them remember that these walls were raised by the energies, labors and exertions of Baptist Ministers; and have been sustained by the free contributions of their brethren in one common faith, whose sympathies and affections hallowed their pecuniary gifts—and let them remember that there have the manifestations of divine favor been unsparingly vouchsafed—nor, as they turn from the smouldering ruins, let them forget that they leave them the grave of hopes, which had entwined themselves around those institutions, as the instruments of the intellectual and moral improvement of the community; long cherished by many who, bound by the strongest ties of affection and brotherhood to the denomination, sought its welfare and elevation as the highest object of their ambition and desire.”