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MESSRS. EDITORS,—Herewith you will receive Twenty Shillings: pay yourselves for the *Christian Visitor* for the past year, and apply the balance to the present year. I can not bear too strong a testimony to the sound principles which it advocates, or the interesting intelligence which it invariably contains.

Your labors are not light in preparing such a paper, as shall carry light, truth and peace into all the families who receive its weekly visits. Your readers can say with all truthfulness, that your aim has been to keep nothing back which is profitable; the result must be committed to God.

The writer is fully sensible that the duties and responsibilities are not all on the one side; they do not all belong to you. The relations are reciprocal, involving high moral trusts on both sides. It is yours to furnish each and all of your readers the specific weekly amount of good reading matter, carefully prepared, selected, and arranged, with a most conscientious regard to their highest good. It is your readers to see that your labors are honorably compensated according to terms. We can not expect to be furnished with a weekly paper without money, more than we can expect to subsist on kind words and good intentions. I am painfully conscious of having violated my obligations and duty toward you. I heartily wish you great success in circulating your useful and excellent paper.

I also rejoice to hear of the success attending your vigilant and unwearied efforts to establish the College in Nova Scotia. With the greatest admiration I read of the zeal and perseverance displayed by the Ministers and Agents in behalf of the valuable Institution, as well as that manifested by their friends, who came forward with such magnificent aid when aid was wanting.

The indefatigable and persevering exertions of that venerable champion in Christ's cause, the Rev. Dr. Maclay, should never be forgotten by us. Thank God for such men! thank God we have such men.

The circumstances of the times appear to demand an educated ministry, with even a louder and more imperative call than ever. In the nineteenth century of the Christian era, what demonstration of reproach would be too emphatic to make toward these Provinces, if their Ministers of the glorious gospel should be left in ignorance, while the people are rapidly advancing in mental cultivation.