

worth naming. Let this fact never be forgotten by those who manage and instruct in this college. God forbid that the time should ever come when any instructor here shall be ashamed, or backward, to acknowledge that the advancement of pure religion — even the Christian religion — is the grand object for which he labors and makes sacrifices.*

Let us never forget, that *promotion cometh neither from the east nor the west, nor from the south. But God is Judge. He setteth up one, and putteth down another.* How easy for him to blast the fairest schemes, and to prosper the weak and the trembling! Nor let our confidence in him, or in the prosperity of this institution, be shaken, because it has been called to pass through straits, and other conflicts may still await it. We believe that these storms in its youth are intended, by a wise Providence, only to make its roots strike deeper, and to give its trunk greater strength, and its branches wider extension in its maturity. Only let faith hold on firmly to the principle, that God will assuredly crown with success every sincere effort to bind the wreath of learning around the brow of Religion, and cheerfully and resolutely shall we consecrate ourselves to the great work of sustaining and advancing this institution; and though we shall not be allowed to labor long here, or elsewhere, yet while we live, and when we die, we may confidently utter in behalf of its pupils, its guardians, and all its future interests, the prayer of a heathen, with a Christian meaning and a Christian spirit: —

“Dii probos mores docilii juventæ,
Dii senectuti placidæ quietem
Romulæ genti date remque prolemque
Et decus omne!”

* Several pages relating to the college, its discouragements and encouragements, are here omitted.