

It is our earnest hope and prayer that every influence in the building here to be erected, may be promotive of the highest degree of personal holiness in those who shall inhabit it. Any learning without holiness, any eloquence, any skill of argument, any correctness of morals, any strict conformity to church institutions or order, any thing without personal holiness in the ministry, we deprecate with all our heart. No man shall see the Lord without holiness, how shall any man minister for the Lord in his gospel, at his altar, without holiness? Learning is one great part of preparation for the ministry, but to increase in personal holiness is another and a far greater part; and the time for the latter as well as the former is eminently the time of candidateship for the ministry, before the burden and heat of the day, in the dew of the morning, when retirement is so easy and self knowledge is so accessible, and the press of duty in the vineyard does not yet distract the mind and crowd it with cares. Here, then, may the effort to grow in grace be at least parallel with every effort to increase in learning. Here may every student, while pressing towards the mark of his high calling in respect to intellectual acquirement, become so well learned as to count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus his Lord, and be daily feeling, more and more, that he can suffer the loss of all things to win Christ, to be found in him, and be made an instrument of promoting the glory of his name.

3. That man is growing in grace who is becoming more alive to the importance of his salvation, and more sensible of the difficulties with which it is attended.

4. The habitual exercise of self-denial, is another proof of growth in grace. Self-denial is one of the first lessons which Christ requires his followers to practise. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself;" &c. It is one of the most difficult lessons which they are called to learn; a lesson, in the various branches of which, for a considerable time, they can make but little progress.

6. A sure evidence of growth in grace is resignation to the will of God under trials and afflictions. It is no difficult task to manifest something like acquiescence in the allotments of Providence during the sunshine of prosperity. When the world smiles

7. An habitual recognition of the presence of God,
and an ardent desire to act in all things for His glory.
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Numerous accounts have been given of Methodism—many of them perfect caricatures, and in general as far from truth as that given by a man in Ireland in the time of Mr. Wesley: "they are a people," said he, "who place all their religion in wearing long beards."

"They were all zealous members of the Established Church, tenacious of all her doctrines and discipline to the minutest circumstance. They were like-