

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father, we can refer to these testimonies, and to the power and grace of God. Some of us can remember as matters of blessed experience, when the influence of the Holy Spirit, wrought powerfully among the students, when under the conviction of its guilt, the mind, awe-stricken trembled with fear, and bowed in penitence, fell before the throne of mercy, where students and professors together offered up to their Father in heaven, the earnest pleadings of souls stirred to their very depths.

Answers to these pleadings were realized, the captive liberated and brought into the liberty of the glorious gospel, made free by the Son of God, bore testimony that God was there. The strongest evidence of the divine approbation therefore has been given. It would be interesting and a source of holy joy, to be able to have all the instances of conversion to God of students, while there engaged in those studies they hoped would fit them for life's work, that would be to them a source of gain or personal emolument, but who under the sanctifying influence of the Holy Spirit, were led to consecrate themselves to the service of God, Many a parent's heart has been made to leap for joy at the news of the hopeful conversion of some wayward son. Many a mother's heart has bounded with grateful praise, at the news of the return to God of the child of her many prayers.

These are the institutions, Dear Brethren, committed to your fostering care, these, over which the influence of heaven has been hovering, are committed to you, to us all. They have claims upon you. In a truly noble manner have these claims, as they have appealed to your benevolence, your contributions, from time to time been met. They still appeal to you. And still as in the past, we trust they shall meet with success. Increasing usefulness, will cause a greater outlay, and expenditure of monies. It is so in every department of labor.

But to your *sympathies* and your *prayers* do we commend these institutions. There is danger of our becoming isolated in