

taken over 80 per cent., and yet get nothing. Here there are 5 or 6 men who have taken a greater per cent. than either the gold or silver medalist of the previous year, yet get nothing. The names of the medalists are heralded round, whilst those others who have taken a greater per cent. have an inferior status and nothing is said about them. Too many have yet to learn, and here again I must add, those whom we would expect to know better, that more than a medal and a few prizes are requisite to make a preacher of the gospel. A man may have all these and yet be a gigantic failure as a minister. The faculty to acquire knowledge is only one of many. The party who receives no prize may possess in a much higher degree other faculties which were not brought into use at an examination, and which qualify him in a much greater degree for the work of the ministry than the successful competitor.

Again, *prizes* prevent some of our students from doing mission work during the summer, and in the very years when they are able to do the greatest amount of good, namely, the last few years of their course. Some will go out during their art's course, before they have ever studied theology at all, but after having studied theology, and now capable of preaching the *Word of God* in truth, they remain at home or some other place where they may study the work for the next Session, in order that they may carry off a medal or a few paltry prizes. Others, while they do not remain at home, but go to the mission field, instead of preparing new discourses, utilize their old sermons, the crude productions of their arts days, productions which must almost universally be grotesquely clumsy and not even very orthodox, having been prepared before ever they received a lecture either in Homiletics or Dogmatics. A gross injustice is thus done the *Mission* to which they are sent to preach the Word, as every student, if he does his duty, will find all the work he can possibly accomplish in the field, without ever attempting College work. He also does *himself* an injustice, as he could appear to greater advantage and in a truer light, did he each year prepare new discourses as his mind is developed and his knowledge increased. But worse still, by year after year palming off his obscure and half truths, his first productions, after he has greater knowledge of the vital truths of God's Word, is just to treat the *Glorious Gospel* with contempt, and not as "The Power of God unto Salvation to all those that believe." It is also to treat the salvation of immortal souls as a matter of little moment, or as something that may be attended to at any time.

Prizes, again, are the fruitful source of nearly all the contentions and jealousies in our colleges. Three-fourths of all the bickerings which disturb the harmony and tranquility of our colleges may be directly or indirectly traced to *prizes*; such jealousies, etc., may be expected to continue so long as prizes last and are distributed as at present. I need not specify. It is true of all colleges which have prizes, as well as ours.