

THE COLLEGES

There has never been wanting in the Church of Christ an order of men whose work was to be pastors and teachers. They were appointed to lead the public worship of God, to instruct and baptize new converts and the young, to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, to explain the word of God for men's enlightenment, to preach the Gospel for men's salvation, and to guard the morals and religious life of God's people. It has been the task of Christian schools to equip Christ's ministers with such understanding that they might be "mighty in the scriptures" like Apollos, and to guide them to a wise and faithful oversight of the flock.

The Presbyterian Churches have always been zealous of maintaining a high standard of training for the ministry. They have required candidates to secure first a liberal education in the history and literature and best thought of mankind—such an education as the universities provide; and then to undergo special training in a Theological College. There the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are opened up as the great treasury of inspiration and power, and men are exercised in the use of the Bible in school and pulpit. The history of the Church is unfolded so that a minister's life may be enriched by the accumulated experience of Christendom. There is training in public speaking, in the conduct of public meetings, in the art of teaching and government; and the needs of special groups, the young, the poor, the foreigner, are kept constantly in mind.