

relations of doctrines often prevented the preacher from setting forth his immediate subject in a manner fitted to convey to the hearer the richest and most impressive views of any one article of revealed truth; and so had the effect of impoverishing and diluting the nourishment of souls, as well as hindering that comprehensive knowledge of Holy Scripture, to which the expositions of the pulpit should contribute.

The reverend Principal having, in the earlier part of his lecture, addressed some advices especially to students, exhorting to a diligent application to learning, addressed his closing remarks to that part of his audience, nearly as follows:—"I invite you to prosecute your studies with an honourable emulation to excel, and not to be satisfied with what is just passable, or may come up in the letter to the requirements of the curriculum. Those of you who have already fulfilled part of your course here, we hope to see exemplifying no diminished ardour; and we, with much cordiality, bid those also welcome to an honourable rivalry with you, who have received part of their education at a sister Hall. I feel the more assured that you will not disappoint us, that I know what good opportunities you enjoyed under your former respected Professor, one whom I appreciated as an excellent exegetical scholar and preacher. I remember, with pleasure, the scriptural character of his sermons and prayers; and, believing that the qualities which attached to his pulpit teaching characterized him also in the chair, I feel persuaded that the work he in so confiding a spirit left to us of this College to finish, in the conducting of your studies, has been so far done well. Remember his counsels and imitate his scholarly example. Enter all of you, my young friends, on the work of the session with such emulation as consists with brotherly love. Imitate, surpass if you can, the existing ministry, by whom you may have already profited; and, as you have opportunity, take counsel with your pastors as well as with your professors. There are among them those whom you can scarcely hope to excel. But I may say for one and all of them, that if by your exertions you shall reach a style of excellence beyond your predecessors, in the pursuit of sacred learning, and the honourable, but very responsible work of the ministry of Christ, they will only rejoice, yea greatly rejoice."

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Anything which affects favourably or unfavourably any one branch of the Church possesses interest for every other branch. For this reason we regard with interest the late important advances made by the Anglican Church among us. That the Church of England in this Province is making progress even an enemy must admit. An additional bishop, the appointment of a metropolitan, and the establishment of a Provincial Synod within one year, indicate a rapid advance. The position of the Church of England in our land is most important. Second to none in zeal and energy, with wealth both individual and ecclesiastical at her command, and high social position, her influence will be felt powerfully for good or for evil. Either, as present events indicate, she will do much in the cause of true religion to check the machinations of popish