

It seems to me a matter of regret that more time cannot be had in College to devote to the subject of *Introduction*. It is of vital importance at all times, but never more so than to-day.

*Apologetics* is always a live and progressive subject, for though error, like history, is ever repeating itself, yet the forms under which it appears are new. The phases of the objections change, and, therefore, the forms of the replies must be new. Ministers are called to act in an age remarkable for the cunning and subtlety of error. It weaves itself into our learning, into science, into works of fiction. It comes to us with the learning of the past, and the scoffing of the present ; arrayed in wealth and in rags ; now seating itself in the place of power, and now uttering its oracles from the dunghill ; now flowing in the rills of oily eloquence ; now putting on the aspect of reason and learning ; now seen in the pleadings for licentious indulgence ; now lurking in the smile of polished contempt. Shall we send forth young men untrained and unfitted to grapple with this hydra, or shall they be fitted for the portentous aspect of the times ? The suggestion has been made that points of contact might with advantage be established between the department of *Apologetics* in our Colleges and the outer world where there is much latent scepticism and that thus the benefits of the learning and investigation of scholars would be diffused over a wider area and be felt more directly than they now are.

The other departments—*Ecclesiology*, *Oriental Languages*, *Patrology*, *Ethics*, *Biblical Antiquities* and *Church History* have a distinct and important place in the Course of Study prescribed. We could not dispense with any of them.

Some years ago it was urged in the Reviews with much earnestness that professorships should be established in *Biblical Theology*—and some of the American Seminaries adopted the suggestion. For one, I do not quite see the desirability or necessity of such a chair. Taking our own College as an example, could anything be more Biblical than the present