

the memory of men now living, there have grown up in our midst, and under our own control, nearly one hundred literary institutions of a high rank, embracing Universities, Colleges for both sexes, and first-class Seminaries. Perhaps in no other department has so large a ratio of conversions taken place as in these institutions of learning.

You will doubtless be gratified to learn that an effort to more thoroughly infuse the religious element into our Colleges and Universities meets with great favour from all parts of our Church. We allude to the establishment of Biblical departments in these institutions. While an antiquated and sickly superstition leads its votaries to withhold from the multitude a book whose teachings are of infinitely higher value to the race than those of all other books of all ages, we are determined that the Bible,—*The Book*,—shall have a prominent place in all departments of education within our control. We fear the word of God has not hitherto exerted that influence in moulding the character, tastes, and habits of our students, which would have made them wiser and better men. While the student commences with heathen poets, heathen philosophers, and heathen historians, shall he fail to find, in the college course, that most sublime poetry, that most pure philosophy, that most ancient and most reliable history, given by God's own inspiration? While heathen gods are everywhere speaking to the student, shall not the true God utter his voice? While the student sees everywhere heathen sacrifices smoking upon heathen altars, shall he not lift up his eyes to the great atoning sacrifice, whose blood cleanseth from all sin? While all science, truly so called, imparts a knowledge of God,—unfolding His methods in the earth and in the heavens,—the science of salvation—God's method of bringing earth's teeming millions to glory—is infinitely above all else, and deserves the corresponding attention of mankind.

We congratulate you on the confidence you express in the Gospel of the Son of God as altogether suited to human wants. We rejoice in the same confidence. The Gospel in its simplicity,—the Gospel as the power of God unto salvation,—the Gospel proclaimed by men who feel its saving power,—proclaimed with the "Holy Ghost sent down from heaven," is God's