

The aim of a Theological education is to fit men for the work of the Gospel ministry. This would be the general answer to the first enquiry suggested. But there are certain particulars involved in this answer which, for the purposes of discussion, should be specified and emphasized. These may indeed be modified from time to time to meet the changing conditions under which we labor but they are, in principle, permanent elements which should be kept constantly in view.

(1). It should be a leading aim in a theological education *to establish habits of study in the mind of the student* ; to inspire and foster in him the desire for knowledge and to stimulate the love of truth. More important than the amount of knowledge stored in the mind is the *impetus* which a man receives in College towards the further acquisition of knowledge. Give to a young man the hunger for knowledge and enlarge his capacity for it, and the means of acquiring it will be found. If long time and hard work should be required to bring a man to this mental altitude, let the long time be taken and the hard work be done. It seems to me to be about the most important element in the mental equipment of the minister of Christ. Particularly is this so in this present age—a superficial age in some respects—but an age of great mental activity, of bustling restless life with a constantly rising level of intelligence among the masses of the people. Besides, there are always arising new problems, more especially, on subjects purely Biblical, which it is desirable that the ministers of Christ should be prepared to meet and which demand that he who would meet them successfully must be equipped not only with competent knowledge but with mental self-reliance, with fitness for independent investigation and with mental endowments which shall command respect. We have fallen upon times which demand that the minister of the Gospel shall be an intellectual toiler while health and strength last. He cannot make his way by dictation or authority ; by the aid of dungeons and stripes and chains, or by the magic power of bands and surplices—of titles and of the crosier. Thank God, these times