

My chief object in sending the clipping for publication, is to call the attention of the body in general to the proposed alienation of denominational property and funds, which, it seems to me, no "legal forms," however "strictly preserved," can render valid. I have drawn the attention of the Secretary of the Union to the matter in a private note, and now put it where the eye of the entire body will fall upon it.

I am yours, very truly,

WM. F. CLARKE.

SALE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL.—On Saturday last the above chapel was sold, according to previous announcement in this paper. The Congregational interest in Simcoe, from a variety of causes, which it would be superfluous to recount, has long been in a state of declension, and the Church wisely determined to dispose of the Church property before it went into hopeless ruin. Legal advice was had, and the legal forms strictly preserved, and the property was purchased by the Methodist New Connexion Society of this town, for six hundred and fifty dollars. It is the intention of the members of the Congregational Church to divide the proceeds of the sale between the Tract Society, the Bible Society, and the various Protestant Sabbath Schools of the town. Next season the building is to be thoroughly repaired, and we trust that for many years it will remain a house of prayer.

### REV. W. H. ALLWORTH'S ADDRESS.

The following is an abridgment of the Address to the Students, at the opening service of the Congregational College, held in the Second Church, Richmond-street, Oct. 7th.

It is presumed by us that you were Christian men before you were encouraged to pursue studies for the Christian ministry, but to a Christian there may be danger even in such pursuits. Familiarity with sacred subjects may gradually weaken our reverence for them—imperceptibly our religious exercises may grow cold and perfunctory. You need only to be reminded of this, to see how needful it is that you should be incessantly watchful over the state of your hearts before God, lest you satisfy yourselves with the form and letter of devotion, long after the life and spirit are departed from it.

Much of your comfort, and more of your success, will depend on the reality of your communion with God. This will be the secret of your power. Divine intercourse enlists divine aid. \* \* \* Those who have real fellowship with God will be animated with divine strength, and find divine consolations.

In respect to your studies, remember what Paul says: "This one thing I do." Let there be a unity of aim. Your studies may be various; let your aims be one. Do not forget the end for which you give yourselves to the work of the Christian ministry, nor confound means with it. Very many of the mistakes of this present life arise from confounding means and ends, or in forgetting the end and using the means for its own sake. Such a mistake in the ministry is a grievous one; hence keep definitely before your mind that for which you study, and for which you intend to labour.

Need I remind you that the object for which a student in divinity labours is not *that he may have a respectable calling*? That may be a collateral advantage if he be a successful student, but cannot be the end.

Neither is it an end *that he may obtain a living*. He must, however, live if he would work; hence there is a danger of confounding that important means with the end, while really it is only subsidiary to it. In Old Testament