

Grubb says they are necessary, but an evil. The fact that they exist and that godly men continually support them and that a great many have been established during the present century proves that they are generally considered necessary. But are they an evil?

We suppose that on earth as things at present are, there will always be good turned into evil, and evil mixed with good, and that sometimes the evil will have the pre-eminence, but we emphatically deny that Theological Colleges are necessarily evil. The particular charge brought against us is that men enter College full of fire and zeal for their Lord and they come out like dry bones, and the College is blamed.

Now if there is any truth in the charge there must be some ground for it, and we are left to find out what that ground is, or to infer that it is the fault of the College or more particularly the College Professors. No Christian worker can afford to overlook St. Paul's charge to Timothy. "I put thee in mind to *fan the flame* of the gift of God which is in thee through the laying on of my hands.' But St. Paul the instructor of Timothy reminded him to do this work for himself. His own duty it was to fan the flame in his own soul by the Hand of God and the Holy Spirit and by prayer. The first duty of the College is to equip or furnish the man of God for all good works. It is the duty of the man of God to see that he *is* a man *of God* in all his works.

This is where the temptation lies, so many lectures, so many hours of reading, so much recreation, but little or no prayer, no personal communion with God, no daily feeding on the Word. This is the temptation. It is recognized as such; amongst ourselves it is certainly adverted to frequently in lectures particularly by those which deal with the practical work of the Pastor. The flame is also fanned by those who fear the Lord speaking often one to another and praying with one another, and by inviting those who are qualified to do so, who visit the city as Missionaries or Evangelists to give addresses on the Spiritual life.

We do not pretend that this exonerates any Christian from his private duty, but we do contend that the charge of luke warmness should not be brought against individuals or institutions without inquiry. If Mr. Grubb's remarks have helped any College or student