

I deeply appreciate the considerate kindness of the General Assembly in granting me this furlough, and I need hardly add, shall seek to turn it to the best account for future usefulness in my life work for our Divine Master, and in the advancement of the highest interests of our beloved church and country.

I shall always cherish the most grateful remembrance of the generous Christian spirit, shown by the Chairman and all the members of the College Board, the Senate and the Faculty, in making it possible for me to leave my work without any anxiety that the institution will suffer by my absence. I desire to emphasize my sense of obligation to the Rev. Dr. Barclay and the members of the Faculty who cheerfully volunteered to undertake so fully my ordinary duties.

True to the spirit of ardent loyalty to their Alma Mater which has uniformly prevailed heretofore, I feel confident that nothing will be lacking in the coming session on the part of the students to make the work of the teaching staff pleasant and successful.

To those already on the roll, and to all who may be added—I trust a large number—I would say: “Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” By faith in God, persevering honest prayer, and hard work you will achieve success, otherwise failure is inevitable. I sincerely wish you abundant comfort and profit in the meetings and work of your Missionary and other societies, and that you may be enabled to make the “Journal,” more than ever serve its original purpose in advancing the interests of truth and of the College.

I cannot but say to all our friends who may be present at Convocation, that I regard with solicitude the financial condition of the College and the manifest insufficiency of its an-