

from year to year may collect within its walls, and to the church of our affections for generations yet to come. In an eminent sense may he, who is to train and direct the ministerial mind, to mould its sentiments and foster its spirit, be said to be "set for the defence of the Gospel." "The things he has heard," the truth as it is in Jesus, "he is to commit to faithful men, who may be able to teach others also." It is not secular, but heavenly science: not the opinions of any man or set of men, however wise they may have been, that he is commissioned to inculcate, but the "mind of the spirit." It is not any worldly or sectarian views merely, but the glory of the master, the salvation of souls, the extended interests of the whole family of Christ, that are here the high concernment. While we love our own church, cherish her doctrine and order, and would hold "her stones precious in our sight and favor the dust thereof," we cannot forget that we are but a portion of the army of the living God. We should stand in our lot, and aim to perform our part, in extending the kingdom of our Immanuel. May sound learning, just sentiment, holy consecration and diligence in service adorn this place; may true piety shed its hallowing influence through every heart and over every avocation; that from this fountain may issue "streams that shall make glad, the city of our God." AMEN.