

Happily our several chairs are filled by men who have long enjoyed the entire confidence and esteem of the denomination. We have no fears of a "negative theology," nor of German rationalizing, nor yet of a narrow or one-sided presentation by them of any of the great theological questions of the day. But none the less do they, and the students under them, need "an unction from the Holy One," the "anointing which teacheth you of all things," and which is of equal importance to both the *head* and the *heart* of him who would be wise to win souls. And yet, while we do occasionally hear one pray for his pastor, how seldom are the college and the rising ministry mentioned!

Mr. Spurgeon said, wittily, at the recent commencement of the new buildings for Cheshunt College:—

"The Church ought to make the college the first object of its care. *Whatever is forgotten in the prayer-meeting, the students of our colleges ought not to be forgotten.* Gentlemen, it is no use praying for some ministers; they never will improve. (Laughter.) I am afraid most of us get worse; we get stereotyped in certain modes of utterance. I know the Lord can work miracles and make some of us very interesting, and so on. I am not well acquainted with your liturgy, but I think there is a collect about the Lord being pleased to enlighten bishops, priests, and deacons; but as He has never done it, I am afraid the liturgy is not acceptable. (Much laughter.) In a great many cases they seem to abide wholly in the dark. I have no doubt, however, that a great many of the bishops are extremely useful. A clergyman of the Church of England once said to me, "Are not the bishops a drag on the wheels?" "Yes," I replied. "Well," said he, "which way is the Church going, up hill or down?" I said, "I think down." "Very well," said my friend, "then you see the use of bishops." (Renewed laughter.) Now, I know that prayer for ministers will come naturally—I am sure you will pray for your ministers—but prayer for students ought to be the first thing considered. You see that the young creature is yet in formation, as it were, and your prayers ought especially to go to God while the metal is yet hot, and is not moulded or formed; then is the time for prayer to do its work, that the man may come out well formed and thoroughly equipped for his Master's work."

And on the same occasion,—

"Nothing can be more important than a college, and the heart of any one who loves the Church of God beats high at all times towards the college of any branch of the Church of Jesus Christ. If we want to see the kingdom of Christ spread, one of the most likely means towards promoting it will be to pay the greatest possible attention to those men who are likely to be active agents in God's hands in proclaiming the Gospel. Our Saviour, besides His own personal ministry and example, instituted a college at once. The twelve Apostles who were with Him were virtually His students, and were in training both by what they saw and by what He told them in public and in secret, and were afterwards to be the tellers out of what He had first given to them. The Apostles seem to have been very earnestly awake to find out all likely and useful young men, and to give them all the help they could. Among the Vaudois churches, every pastor was wont to be accompanied in his mountain journeys by some stalwart young man, who could assist, perhaps, in the difficulties of climbing, and who, in return, received from him paternal instruction in the management of a church, in the Word of God, in the mode of at-