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I wish to impress upon those before me who have entered upon the study of theology, the importance of the branch of study they have chosen, and the responsibility we undertake when we apply ourselves to it. It is often asserted that divinity-students fare more easily than those of other faculties. While possibly no one would care to insist that the minimum required in a divinity-course is at all difficult of attainment, yet we do maintain that a conscientious man must needs exert every effort, if he is to cover even a moderate extent of the field of theology. This will be at once evident, when it is borne in mind that the object aimed at in the training of divinity students, is to impart not so much theological knowledge, as theological culture. Education in any subject is not the acquisition of facts but of mental culture. The educated man is one who is able to co-ordinate his knowledge, to handle his acquirements, to master instead of being mastered by his learning. The theological student who goes forth from our halls should be a cultured christian, and in that a great deal is included. To be worthy of the name, a man must attain to such a harmony of his intellectual, moral, and spiritual nature as can issue only from a wearisome and toilsome course of study. Theology for the student is not an end in itself any more than