

this inward preparation, the sparkling wit, the profound judgment, the elegant fancy, abundant learning, all, all, will be vain. The teacher, then, has omitted his first duty, the preacher has neglected his best armour, when he has not sought to illuminate his mind and warm his soul, by light and love from on high. And in a theological seminary, he who is called to impart instruction, and the youth who receive it and who are aspiring to the sacred functions, will find that no other endowments will compensate for the absence of this. Nor is any evil to be more deprecated by the church, than that her youth, unfurnished in this particular, should advance to the ministry as a mere profession, an easy mode of obtaining a respectable livelihood.

THE SUBJECT scarcely calls for a formal application, and the special addresses the occasion requires, fall to the province of another. I will therefore only add, that the purpose of this day's services deeply impresses and affects us. In the place of the father faithful and beloved, who has retired from his laborious duties in this seminary, we come to induct a new professor into office. The event is momentous to the esteemed brother about to assume untried responsibilities, to the Institution around which tender sympathies clustre, and for which many prayers of the living and the dead have gone up to the throne of heavenly grace: it will be so in its consequences to the youth who