

your own vanity. No, my young friends, piety is not to be thus regarded as a means. It is itself an end; yea, the greatest of ends. Yet it is no paradox to say, that God has so marvelously arranged matters by what may be called the law of action and reaction, that piety, while it remains a grand end, may nevertheless become the blessed means to many subordinate ends.

In fine, I take leave once more to repeat that we, your Professors, are determined, as heretofore, that no diligence or kindness shall be lacking on our part to do you all the justice in our power. And if we have the same satisfaction this Session as we had last, from the uncommon diligence and gentlemanly demeanor of our students, we shall at the close have much cause to rejoice in our labors.