

and practical, is demanded of all their officers and elders. Whilst not making it compulsory, why not give an opportunity for study in our colleges to such as are apt to teach, who do not desire to make a life work of the ministry? Give them a fair acquaintance with the English Bible, for which there should be a chair in every college, for after all the vernacular is the main instrument of work for minister or elder, Along with that there should be a chair of practical theology, akin to clinics in the medical course, training to visit, to deal with enquirers after the way of salvation, and to administer comfort and sympathy to the afflicted, and counsel and strength to the tempted. There should also be some suitable preparation in the best methods of conducting the prayer meeting, and for undertaking the instruction of the young in the Sabbath schools. There seems to me no reason why our colleges should not become normal schools for our eldership. What would be required of our theological halls would add little to the burdens of the professors, and a little extra in our expenditure for the education of the ministry. But that would go a long way to making our elders more efficient co-laborers in the vineyard, and then we would not have the millenium at hand, but we would see our Church advancing at such a rate of progress as is unknown at present.

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Walk before God : be often where  
 No human eye can see ;  
 And all thy heart to Him make bare ;  
 From secret sins be free.  
 Thus all thine actions and thy ways  
 Shall His approval meet ;  
 Thy life shall be a life of praise,  
 Its end a triumph sweet.

Walk before God ; be not at ease  
 Though saints may think you right ;  
 Be careful that Himself you please,  
 Be perfect in His sight.  
 The fear of man but brings a snare—  
 Care not for smile or frown ;  
 Misunderstood, still do not dare,  
 " That no one take thy crown."