

because students in general do not regard capacities in government according to their importance. They are rather disposed to consider what they should preach, than how they should behave in the house of God. With a view to fix your attention upon a point so essential to the prosperity of the church, I shall reserve it for the subject of a separate discussion. In the mean time, I would advise you to study the apostle Paul's delineations of a christian bishop, and the pattern which his own conduct exhibits; and then endeavour to acquire those habits which may qualify you to succeed him in the government of the church.

In connexion with the preceding remarks, let me affectionately remind you, that the success of your studies, as well as of your subsequent ministerial labours, depends upon the assistance of him who has said, *In all thy ways acknowledge Him and he shall direct thy steps.* Sustaining the character of students, do not forget that you are also Christians. During your attendance upon this Institution, you have established your reputation, as young men of talent and correct deportment. Enable the community to add, that you are, in all things, pattern of that religion which you expect to preach. You are the first hopes of this Seminary and of the Presbyterian Church. May the God of all grace enable you to maintain the reputation of both: may he direct you in your studies, qualify you for the service of his church, and render you a blessing in the midst of the earth.