

and general study, the spirit of humble and earnest prayer be systematically and habitually combined,—who can doubt that the culture of the mind may be rapidly and surely promoted. Every favourable influence is thus secured. The showers of heavenly blessing descend upon the mind. The seeds of truth and righteousness imbedded there, become instinct with vegetative virtue, and the soil once barren—or covered only with thorns and briars, now blooms with the verdure of useful vegetation, or bears upon its bosom the ripe fruits of an abundant harvest.

May such, my dear young friends, be the result of your endeavours to secure the culture of your minds ;—and, that it may be so, may you ever be enabled and inclined to repair to the source and fountain-head of all wisdom and knowledge ! In every path of business and benevolence, may you walk with God ; and may you ever be disposed to bring your acquirements, whatever they be in degree or kind, and offer them to Him to be sanctified by his grace, and made subservient to his glory !

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