

springing from a heart possessed of that charity that suffereth long and is kind, we may preach the gospel of peace and joy as eloquently and effectively as any pulpit orator.

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Let us remember that we are already in the midst of the solemn responsibilities of life. For the use of our time, the cultivation of our intellectual faculties, and the growth of our spiritual life we are as responsible now, while yet within the walls of the College, as when we find ourselves engaged for a time in the mission-field, or enter permanently the work of the Ministry. We may not have the same opportunities to give objective form to the realities of life while students, yet this fact should not lead us to suppose that our responsibility is necessarily less. Our duties are indeed of a somewhat different character, yet we cannot conscientiously imagine that we are suddenly gifted with new powers, or inspired with new feelings, on leaving our Alma Mater. The status of children is hardly ours while in College—the analogy exists in so far as our dutiful submission to all the rules and regulations of College life is concerned; but we do not enjoy the freedom from responsibility which characterizes the child, or the exemption from a serious study of the issues of life. Time is passing rapidly, and the very fact that we realize how swiftly it wings its course, should satisfy us that our duties to ourselves, to the Church and God are none the

less because of our student life. Unto ourselves and for ourselves we owe the same at all times. The realities of life are ours at one time as at another; and the same deep consideration of the question why we live, is called for on the part of student and Minister alike. Unto the Church, while the nature of our responsibility may be different, we have no reason to conclude that it is any the less serious. The Church has recognized our profession, of feeling called to the work of the Ministry, and places us here for the purpose of fitting us to fulfill that calling. Now, as honest men, we are bound to feel that we are as strongly bound to realize a source of duty now as afterwards; that if the responsibility of the Ministry is great, then the responsibility for *every opportunity* of preparation is also great.

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TO-DAY.—Live each day as though it were the last to be lived upon earth. Such is the good counsel often given to young Christians by those of more experience in the Master's service. There can be little doubt that he who permits such a solemn thought to recur to his mind with each passing hour is likely to make the best use of present opportunities for doing good to others, and for improving himself spiritually. But there is another thought that might be carried about by the Christian from hour to hour, and prove equally powerful as an influence for good. We might advise him