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We cannot help cherishing a deep and a lasting interest in the education of young men for the ministry. Much, under God, depends on having a suitable agency on a field for its culture. The College which exists among us possesses, therefore, claims of the strongest character on the prayers, counsels, and support of the Churches. Unless we have good men and true, who from time to time, go forth to win souls for Christ, we cannot expect to make our mark on the country. Effort, in the direction of our educational work, lies consequently at the very basis of prosperity. A ministry of power, because glowing with life, is demanded. Life, that will assimilate to itself every possible advantage within reach, and yearns after growth, is what we long for. Nor far distant from such life can the loveliness which clothes the true ministry be. "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever,"—when God decks his priests with salvation his saints shout for joy. The beauty of holiness is the unfolding of that grace which essentially dwells in religion. Academic studies may possess a tendency to check the fervour and fire of divine love in the soul, hence exists a greater need of watchfulness and prayer. A well ordered system of study must provide for the maintenance of heavenly affections. Preparatory work for the ministry ought not to check the healthy blossom of future usefulness. Its purpose is to give facilities in prosecuting the work of the ministry; most miserable must the failure be where a system destroys the blossom, and renders fruit-bearing impossible. Imagine a minister, without a meek and humble spirit, destitute of tender feeling for suffering humanity, void of a spirit of magnanimity; such an one could scarce venture to minister at the altar of Him who was meek and lowly. How many prayers ought our Churches to offer on behalf of our young brethren who contemplate a life work in the great service! This leads us to rejoice in the dedication of a day having the special aim expressed in the following motion, carried at the last annual meeting of the subscribers of the College:—"That recognising the peculiar need at the present time, of the blessing of God on the College, this meeting would urge upon all the churches connected with the institution, the earnest observance of the *second Sabbath* in *October* as a day of Special Prayer on its behalf; and further, would recommend the still more general adoption of the system of simultaneous collections at that period for its support." As heretofore, yea, and much more so, we hope the fervent prayers of many will arise to heaven for the richest blessings of grace to rest on the revered Professor, the Directors, and on the Students. The special circumstances in which the institution is placed, in view of the prospective change in locality, will at once suggest to thoughtful minds the need of special guidance and wisdom. To ask counsel of God is ever a forerunner of success in an undertaking, whether great or small. We know that all well-wishers of the College feel that prosperity is impossible