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“ to meditate on these things, and give himself
“ wholly to them, that his profiting might appear
“ to all.”† From hence we may learn the sense of
this great Apostle on the subject, and how neces-
sary he judged an application to study was in the
Christian Clergy. Academical knowledge, acquired
in the early part of life, lays the foundation of
eminence in the Clerical profession. But the per-
son who rests contented with that foundation—
who does not by study and application, raise a suit-
able superstructure upon it, will find from sad ex-
perience how insufficient it is to carry him through
the pastoral office, with honor to himself, with
benefit to others, and edification to the Church of

It is evidently proper that You should be well
acquainted with the grounds and reasons of the Pro-
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† Timoth. IV. 13, 15. * The excellent Bishop BULL, ex-
horting the Clergy of his Diocese to diligent reading and study,
uses these expressions—“ An idle person in any calling what-
“ ever is very contemptible; but an idle, lazy parochial priest is
“ of all mortals the most contemptible and inexcusable. What!
“ so much business, and that of so great importance as the salva-
“ tion of men's souls, and yet idle?—For the Lord's sake shake
“ off sloth, rouse up and bestir Yourself in the Business of Your
“ calling; remembering that the souls of Your people, and
“ Your own souls are at stake.”

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