

they may be inclined to favour. Money so appropriated will hand down the donors' names to future generations with deserved honour.

There are two other points to which it will be proper to advert. One is, the importance of *thoroughness*. A superficial acquaintance with any subject may be easily and quickly acquired, and may excite the admiration of persons who are apt to mistake appearances for realities and are therefore ill qualified to form a judgment; but good scholarship is the result of patient assiduity. The students of Acadia College, it is confidently hoped, will carefully avoid the danger into which those are liable to fall, who, in their desire to learn every thing, learn nothing well. The combination of proficiency in classics and mathematics with general knowledge is manifestly desirable, though difficult to be attained; but if, for want of time, or on any other account, it cannot be fully secured, it will obviously be the duty of the professors so to direct the studies of those who are placed under their care, that the reputation of the Institution may be sustained, and the value of the degrees conferred in no respect deteriorated.

The second point to which I ask attention is the importance of religious influence, pervading the whole course of study, and sanctifying, so to speak, all the arrangements. This College is open to all Denominations, no religious tests being imposed either on students or professors; nevertheless, we must claim the right of aiming to imbue literature with the spirit of religion, and of inculcating, from time to time, those principles of our common Christianity and those moral lessons which are admitted by all who wish to shun the reproach of infidelity. Habitual recognition of God should distinguish every seat of learning, so that while the din of controversy is never heard, and party con-