

of Geneva. The reviewer says, "The Socinian professors of Geneva were shallow and flippant Sciolists, utterly unacquainted with Scripture exegesis, and ignorant of the plainest statements in the Bible." Mr. Monad, a student of theology, says, "During the four years I attended the theological teachers of Geneva, I did not, as a part of my studies, read one single chapter of the word of God, except a few psalms and chapters to study Hebrew, and I did not receive one single lesson of exegesis of the Old or New Testaments." This may serve as a specimen of what the world is pleased to call theological education.

But our space admonishes us not to pursue this vein of thought. A truly useful theological education is easily defined. The gospel minister should—

1. Be able to read and speak English.
2. He should know what is written in the Bible.
3. He should be in earnest in telling the truth.

These qualifications will make a successful minister of the Gospel.

While circumstances permit, we are in favor of preachers learning all science and all the languages. But languages and science are more important in affording their possessor independence than otherwise. The best preachers in the world depended not upon human learning, but the teaching of the Spirit for success. Indeed, we never knew a preacher through whose discourses a rich vein of literature ran, that the word of God was not obscured in exact ratio of the exuberance of the learning. The gospel needs no embellishment, and therefore the more plainly and forcibly the words are spoken the better. We may be told that "preachers should have much school learning in order to be qualified to entertain educated and refined assemblies."

This intimation suggests the necessity of defining our position at once regarding ministerial education. The Church of God is the only authoritative theological school on earth; and it is the only one which Christians can consistently encourage. We are more than willing that young men should have the best means of improvement in school education; and we have during our whole life in the ministry also encouraged preachers deficient in the learning of this world, by all means to avail themselves of every advantage in their power. Indeed, after we had devoted several years to preaching the gospel, we took a full college course, and have had no cause to regret it. Still we maintain the important learning is obtained in the Church, and if we are correct, each Church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a seminary for instructing the