

dress. The subject I have been discussing is important, but is not the most important. A knowledge of it would make you wise, but not unto salvation. The writing of these paragraphs has been interrupted by calls to visit chambers of sickness and beds of death: and you will suffer me so far to associate these occupations in this appeal, as to remind you that the hour is coming to you also, in which you will require truths more cheering than either science or literature affords, to sustain your courage, and warm your hearts, and elevate your hopes, and replace the fading lights of this retiring world by the promissory beams of an immortal glory. I do not wish to intimidate you. You have great means of improvement—great means of usefulness. If you only dedicate yourselves to God, in the gospel of his Son, I dare not set limits to the good which you may be enabled to acquire and to accomplish. But dangers surround you—dangers of opinion—dangers of practice—dangers of which the power is annually attested in the many and melancholy wrecks of youthful promise. And nothing but the truth of God, received in faith and steadfastly maintained, will make