

“And we cannot overlook the blessings which such men
 “by their conduct, as well as their instructions, may, nay
 “must, impart to their youthful pupils. Why may not the
 “Bible, and especially the New Testament, without note or
 “comment, be read and taught as a divine revelation in the
 “College; its general precepts expounded, its evidences ex-
 “plained, and its glorious principles of morality inculcated?

“What is there to prevent a work, not sectarian, upon the
 “general evidences of Christianity, from being read and
 “taught in the College by lay teachers?

“Certainly there is nothing in the Will that proscribes such
 “studies. Above all the testator positively enjoins, ‘that all
 “the instructors and teachers in the College shall take pains
 “to instil into the minds of the scholars the purest principles
 “of morality, so that on their entrance into active life they
 “may, from inclination and habit, evince benevolence towards
 “their fellow creatures, and a love of truth, sobriety and
 “industry, adopting at the same time such religious tenets as
 “their matured reason may enable them to prefer.’ Now it
 “may well be asked, what is there in all this, which is posi-
 “tively enjoined, inconsistent with the spirit or truths of
 “Christianity? Are not these truths all taught by Christi-
 “anity, although it teaches much more?

“Where can the purest principles of morality be learned so
 “perfectly as from the New Testament?”

The whole argument on this point may thus be condensed:—
 Dr. Rush's endowment can only be sustained as a charity;
 otherwise it would be clearly void as a perpetuity. But how
 can it live as a charity when its avowed object is to deny the
 existence of God and to reject His word. No example can
 be found of a charity sustained where Christianity is attacked.
 Unless, then, the law will lend its helping hand to support a
 fountain of blasphemy; unless this Court is willing to write
esto perpetua upon a monument of infidelity,—this indecent