Eternity, which should be the work of a whole life
and for which exclusively life is allowed to shine——

In regard to divorce after leaving College, I have not fully

wholly put the matter in the hands of your friends, if you have calculated on my attempting to preach the Gospel

I could not bring myself to say or for usefulness in the ministry affairs

reasonably good it is reasonable that you would have no opinion about

so far enough, I believe

my feelings on the subject are such as to justify me in

leaving Rome or if I preach not the Gospel, My

where I was called to engage in teaching schools,

in some place which would admit of my preparation

the study of Divinity, preaching as a leisured man.

But I am now strongly urged to become a missionary

very to hear the tidings of salvation to the destitute parts

of this country or to some foreign land. If these

injunctions prevail, I shall on such a negotiation turn

immediately put myself under the care and direction of

of the Missionary Society after graduating——I expect
to go South in the next two years if I shall write
you to send me money, but I write to come letter

you that it let you know whether to send them.

Present my love to mother and brothers and my respects to

all engineering friends. I remain yours affectionately

J. Isaac Smith.