

religious life, than the every-day surroundings of our ordinary college. These are no exaggerations but living facts. They are something which can be amply proven to any one who will mingle for a half-year among the various forms of student life here. It must however be borne in mind that Harvard is a place for men rather than boys. The students as a rule are older and more dignified than those of the smaller Colleges. Of course there are exceptions, and every new class adds to the number of the youthful and erratic, but the spirit of men pervades the daily work of the institution throughout. Every person who intends to study here can expect to be treated as a gentleman and in turn is bound to conduct himself accordingly. The school-boy tricks find no shelter and the hurrahs of fellow-workers are converted into the quiet yet effective manner with which the class work is performed. To a keen observer, there is an individuality of interest which is no less interesting than unique. This is no doubt due very largely to the present system of elective study, and which probably presents one of the most valuable elements in any higher course of education.

It is true that the system is accompanied with many evils in a small college, but its wonderful success at Harvard, is a striking proof of its adaptation to large institutions of learning. If a man has any decided powers for a certain line of research, it commands them for his respect. If he seeks for development, it holds out the golden opportunities and invites him to become a man. For the dabbler and the dilettante it can do no more than any other, but for him who would cling to a chosen line of action, it offers his greatest reward and highest realization. The details of study I need not mention; suffice it to say that a liberal training is given in almost any branch of study with the best methods which the ordinary American student may desire. The immense advantage of well-equipped libraries can hardly be overrated. To one who has been accustomed to ill-adapted libraries it is impossible to say how invaluable is the reserved-book system, and other reforms now in vogue at Harvard. Many of the departments have separate libraries for themselves, and in the reserved system the books are arranged for individual courses. To the student of limited means these are among the greatest helps, and enable him to do a large amount of parallel

reading which otherwise could not be done. The pamphlets of the several departments contain more detailed information than can be given here. The best and surest way of doing things is to obtain descriptive pamphlets of courses in the department of your proposed study, or if there be no descriptive pamphlets, then get the advanced sheets of the catalogue. All of these can be obtained free of cost upon application to the Secretary of the University.

Financially, there is probably no institution in America to-day that is doing the work for students of limited means but of good character, that is being accomplished at Harvard. A comparative study of college finances is needless to support this view, for it has now become a well-established fact. The amount that can annually be given by the college to proper persons is about \$45,000 in the form of Fellowships, Scholarships, loan funds, aids, etc. To obtain aid during the first year of attendance, the student must be well recommended by his instructors and must have done good work throughout his course. With such a student there would be a very good chance of obtaining \$150 or even more. After his entrance, as elsewhere, to one who is largely thrown upon his own resources, an untiring industry is the most essential element in student-life at Harvard. For those who are inclined to athletics the privileges in connection with the gymnasium, grounds, boat-house, etc., are superb. There he will find full scope for his physical powers, and can cultivate to his heart's content the much lauded *corpus sanum*.

Before closing, however, I must briefly speak of two matters of great importance to students of limited means, and to Canadians intending to enter Harvard. This year there has been organized what is known as the "Foncraft Dining Club." Partially supported by a college fund, the object of this club is, to furnish meals to a limited number of students at the lowest possible rate and without aiming to make profits. Thus far it has proved a success and food has been supplied at a cost of less than \$3 per week, which a college officer recently told me, was the cheapest living that has been afforded in Cambridge for the past thirty years. With the prospect for enlargement during the coming year, it will undoubtedly become one of the greatest boons to student in narrow circumstances. The other matter to which I have done, is, the formation of a *Canadian Club*.