

of dissipation and fast life at college. The fact is that a student at college is not more exposed to temptation and danger than in any place where young men are thrown together with less restraint and more money and leisure than they have elsewhere been used to. At college as elsewhere there are foolish and fast young men—there as elsewhere the majority of young men are neither dissipated, wicked nor impure. The great body of a college class is made up of manly men, who have neither money, time nor inclination for dissipation or riotous living.

At college and afterwards the great question is not what you come to know, but what you grow to be. Other things are transitory. Character is permanent. To the end of your life the memory of your college days will be constantly with you. Aside from other things, it is a serious question whether that memory shall be unwelcome and remorseful or pleasant and inspiring. Fortunate is the student whose means are moderate, more fortunate still if he must, as the college life goes on, rely partly upon his own exertions for support. In this way, more than any other, can college life be made

to embody a practical training for after life. The besetting sin of young men in and out of college is selfishness. Every year opens wider chances in college for work for others through college settlement, organized charities, night schools, church and Young Men's Christian Association.

The steadying, strengthening and inspiring influence of the college Young Men's Christian Association cannot be too strongly stated. At one of the most critical periods in a young man's life, when most of all he needs the influences which make for Christian manhood, the college Association offers him Christian fellowship, the influence of older men who are living the life that is higher and the inspiration of a national and world-wide organization. Let every Christian young man make the work of the college Association his work. Such work is necessary for the development of true manhood. Besides the blessing promised to those who turn others to righteousness, such work brings to the student the best and most necessary training of his college life. —Edward W. Frost, Esq., Harvard, '84, in Men.

A PLEA FOR MORE POETRY

If some of the statements in this paper, should seem to be prosaic, let the reader remember that

"The common-place sun in a common-place sky
Makes up the common-place day."

The universal prevalence of the poetic in our surroundings argues its utility. Like beauty, it

"Lies all around our path,
If but on watchful eyes can trace it
In familiar things."

Emerson says :

"Let me go where'er I will
I hear a sky born music still.
'Tis not in the stars alone,
Nor in the cups of budding flowers,

Nor in the redbreast's yellow tone,
Nor in the bow that smiles in showers.
But in the mud and scum of things
There something always, always sings."

It but needs the discerning poetic soul to discover the beauty in these humble things.

"The poem hangs on the berry bush,

When comes the poet's eye,
And the street is one long masquerade
When Shakespeare passes by."

Are we too much engrossed in pursuits that end in mathematical formulae or bread and butter, that this is neglected?

Poetry, some say, is impractical, but it is precisely in those lives which are filled with practical duties that poetry is need-