

direction of the growth of the future, and will gauge the direction in which his life forces are to be thrown. It will therefore decide whether his life is to be of use to himself or others, or whether it is to be a curse to both. Scarcely of less import are the great ruling beliefs of a man's life, as they must have so much to do in shaping his conscious relations to God and men, and in shaping his own character and influence. If there is a time, then, above another when life is freighted with tremendous issues, when existence is weighed down with deep solemnity, when the faces of angels may well be thought to be eager with deep concern and the faces of devils drawn with malicious longing, it must be at this time when all these fateful determinations are in progress altogether. If there is ever a time, therefore, when helpful hands should be near to aid, when the highest and strongest influences should be thrown around the eager soul, too often careless, in the midst of deciding infinities to self and to others, it is when students are passing the swift going years of college life. Can we do our duty as a Christian denomination to the minds and hearts which contain the highest potencies in our keeping, for good or evil, if we do not provide them with a place where these influences shall be about them, during their decisive years? Can we be guiltless, if we leave the very crown and promise of our youth to have these years moulded by any chance influence which may be found, as our students seek mental culture where no attention is paid to the culture of heart and purpose?

Now strive to grasp all that must follow from having a place of spiritual as well as mental power—a great centre of the highest life as well as of the deepest concern of a whole denomination, through which its best intellectual life is to be passed in one perpetual stream, to be stamped by its influence and to be sent forth, controlled by the loftiest purpose and thrilled by the noblest motives, to throw its decisive weight on the side of truth against error, of righteousness against sin, of heaven against hell. Think of the difference between this and what would be, were this flowing river of decisive possibility to pass through college halls where there was no effort to purify it from its sin, where the prevalent atmosphere might be opposed to vital godliness, where there were no higher purposes insisted on than the selfish, and no better motive than a regard to one's own best interest. Thank God that we have not far to go to find illustration of what a Christian school can do in helping lives on to the ideal manhood of symmetrical growth of power. What Woodstock college has done for her students