

in our own College have weakened the power of their lives just at this point.

This power of the personal contact is also shown in our attitude towards those whose mental powers may be somewhat inferior to our own. There is, perhaps, no sphere of College life where there is more abundant opportunity for a relationship of thoughtful helpfulness, for a daily demonstration of the knightly spirit, and yet as far as our observation goes but very little attention is given to its cultivation. *For your true student is at heart a hero-worshiper, at least in the kingdom of the mind.* No limit can be set to the sacrifice of his worship so long as the object is one of mental strength and power, but the danger of thoughtless contemptuousness is correspondingly great if there is any sign of either weakness or inferiority.

And yet we remember that the most kingly note of a kingly spirit was that his tenderness should be such that a bruised reed would not be broken and smoking flax would not be quenched.

This article would scarcely be considered complete without a word or two about the attitude of the "Theolog" as the representative of a College class. As we know him the ordinary "theolog" is fearfully and wonderfully made. Closely connected with the heavenly he has yet about him enough of the earthly to suggest the possibility of there being, at least, some truth in Darwin's hypothesis. The idol of some circuit, or of several circuits, a man whose opinion has been deferred to, oftentimes far beyond its real worth, it is little wonder that he has come to look upon himself as a being of considerable importance. And very often neither his mental power nor powers of application justify these claims to divinity. When he comes to College two paths open before him. He may gather around him the robes of his dignity, both official and acquired, and stalk around in semi-isolation, or he may throw himself heartily into the larger current of College life, be a man among men, and use the activities of that life for reaching and influencing others.

Not rejection but redemption is the keynote of his attitude. It is needless to add that the power of his personal contact will largely depend upon his choice of paths. In his recently published book, "The Life of the Spirit," speaking of what should be the attitude of Christian people towards the responsibilities of social life, Mabie says: "The true evidence of the noblest following of Christ's example is the demonstration that the world is the Lord's, and the clear revelation of the possibility of redeeming it by making noble use of it. The highest service of such a career as that which Phillips Brooks lived among men is the deepened sense which it gives men of the richness and beauty of life. Here was a man than whom none was more unspotted; a man clean and white as ever anchorite or ascetic kept himself; and yet a man who kept himself in closest touch with all the great movements; who loved travel, books, art, history, nature; who valued humor, wit, eloquence, culture; a man, indeed, to whom every phase of activity and every kind of expression were precious, because God was in all good things, and all good things revealed Him." Truly a noble breadth of life and worthy of emulation in all the activities of student experience. And so at this New Year's time, as we think of this "power of the personal contact" in connection with College associations, we sum the whole matter up in the ideal presented by Arnold, of Rugby: "He taught us," says the noble lay-preacher, beloved Tom Hughes, "that in this wonderful world, no boy or man can tell which of his actions is indifferent and which not; that by a thoughtless word or look we may lead astray a brother for whom Christ died. He taught us that life is a whole, made up of actions and thoughts and longings, great and small, noble and ignoble; therefore the only true wisdom for boy or man is to bring the whole life into obedience to Him whose world we live in and who has purchased us with His blood; and that whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do, we are to do all in His name and to His glory."