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The Sanctum.

The Best Thing the College Does for the Student.

AN article in the *Forum* of this month summarizes the answers of a large number of correspondents to the question:—What is the best thing that the College does for the student? There is considerable agreement in the answers, some giving more prominence to one element, others to another. One says that in College he learned to study, to gather information, to think; another, that the College gave him the ability to keep the maximum of application for the maximum of time. Several express the opinion that the greatest good of College training is the broadening process that takes place in character, spiritual and moral as well as mental. The College enlarges the range of one's sympathies and one's views of life, God, man and duty. Life is broadened by finding out what men have done in the world in one great department of learning after another.

Some of the correspondents place special emphasis on the benefits resulting from the influence of large bodies of students on one another. Dr. R. S. Storrs writes: The best thing I found in College was the intimate contact with fine minds of class-mates. It is the opinion of some of these correspondents that the influence of students on one another is greater than that of professors on students. "Civilization is a product, not of isolation, but of the crowding of population. Humanity educates humanity." A somewhat similar idea is expressed by the words of another who said that he felt that by his College course he made himself a part of the great sodality of letters.

The obvious remark on these summaries is that they contain no reference to special studies or the accumulation of stores of learning. These things are not omitted because they are useless, but whatever