

mediately recognized the truth and worth that was in them; and so, by his wisdom and wit, and his quaint sayings and aphorisms, he has amused and instructed ever since.

Some ages have required greater minds than others. There have been greater national problems to solve. But if a great statesman or a great general has been wanted, he has usually been found. A Pitt or a Wellington appears.

Courage is originality. An act of bravery or daring is not generally a repetition of what some one else has performed.

Certainly people should not be obstinate in their opinions, for that would be foolish, but neither should they be too easily influenced. A great man will always make his influence felt, and properly so, whether he be a writer, a speaker, or a philanthropist. The world seldom fails, though it may be slowly, to recognize a grand character of which originality must form a large constituent.

If a person must be rude, do not let it be in public, and especially in church. One of the students lately was guilty of the greatest discourtesy by refusing to move a little further up the seat, so as to allow a lady who was shown to the seat by the usher, to have room to sit down. We are judged as a community by the acts of a few. An act of this kind is noticed and talked of far more than half a dozen of the opposite character. We think it is very natural the rest of the students should be indignant at such conduct as this. If one or two of the students act improperly, then we are instantly set down as a lot of frivolous girls who came here not to study, but to pass away the time during which our parents think we ought to be going to school.

We shall not soon forget the visit of Chancellor Sims, of Syracuse University.

His sermons on Sunday last were among the richest treats that we have enjoyed, and his lecture on Monday evening was edifying and inspiring. Dr. Sims does not appear to be putting forth much effort, indeed he is one of the easiest speakers we have ever listened to. But he moves, and melts, and moulds his audience as he wills, and all seem to surrender themselves cheerfully to his sway. His sermon on Sunday morning affected both hearts and eyes, and must have caused many a holy resolve to a higher life. In the evening his text was "Son, Remember." He quoted the most noted psychologists and physicians in support of the idea that nothing will be ultimately forgotten, and his deductions therefrom were thrilling in the extreme. The sermon could only have been preached by a man thoroughly conversant with the principles and applications of mental philosophy. The universal verdict of the college was that "he was simply lovely." On Monday evening, Dr. Burns permitted us to attend the lecture on "Character and Character Building." There was a fine audience and it appeared greatly delighted with the eloquent and inspiring lecture. Dr. Sims is becoming well known to Canadian audiences, especially in the cities, and the pupils of the Wesleyan Ladies' College will be delighted to hear of his early return to Hamilton.

We are inclined to think that the Reading Room should be visited by a great many oftener than it is. The library contains a great many first-class works, which might be perused with profit. Every student should have some knowledge of the works of our standard authors. To read such books as those of Macauley, Ruskin, Carlyle, and many others, is to increase our knowledge of facts and events, of style and of language. The encyclopædias and other works of reference might be profitably con-