

of all restraint, save his own will. Henceforth, only two factors influence him, the man strong as previous influences leave him, and the environment with which he is surrounded. The strength of character resulting from early influences combines with the environment which a college life affords, and together they are wrought by the hand of time into the future man. Will the environment counteract the good influences of the home life and produce a hesitating character, or shall they work in harmony, and combine to place the individual in the van of human perfection? Let the student body answer by their attitude, for upon them rests the responsibility of providing a wholesome environment for the freshman.

The men he chooses as his associates have perhaps the greatest influence on the now plastic character of the young man, especially those who are to be his nearest friends. A misdirected gouge in the rough-hewn stone can often be worked out ere the completion of the statue, but if in the last stage of the artist's work the chisel makes one unerring glance, the flaw can never be removed. And so while early training is all important, the companionship of strong, upright, broad-minded men is necessary at this time in a young man's life. For it is here on this little mound of knowledge that as yet the broadest outlook on life is given. If such is hampered by other than the most lofty aspirations, the result is a stumbling block in the way of future attainment. "I am a part of all that I have met," and if we meet the same man twice, a double effect is produced on the character plate, and in proportion as that man's personality is greater or less than that

of the average man, so the effect will be deeper or shallower on the character now in process of formation.

As the life of President Lincoln passed away, one who stood at his bedside remarked, "He belongs to the ages," in other words, "his influence lives, though Lincoln the physical man be gone." But his influence lived from the time he was a child, and through every day of his future life the men he came in contact with were influenced by him, and in turn influenced others. Every man belongs to the ages just as much as did Lincoln, though comparatively few leave so deep an impress. The point is, our associates are a factor in our character composition, bricks in the wall of achievement. Are they sound to stand the storms of life, or when the first trial comes will they weather and weaken, and let fall the super-structure? That influence lives is indisputable, but our appreciation of that truth is very doubtful.

College discipline is "good citizenship" in the student body. Some times the courts of order demand that for certain breaches of student manners and etiquette a man be disciplined, and only students know how such is accomplished. That is for a breach of society's unwritten law in the student body. But this is not the discipline that we particularly refer to. It is the discipline within the man, the faculty of making his thoughts, his desires, his ambitions, bow to his own idea of what is truth. It results in the curb that holds the temper in check; the possibility of emphatically saying "No"; the power of application. Without moving the muscle, it becomes atrophied, without exercising the faculties they become dull, without training the forces that go to make strong