

correspondingly impaired. Perhaps it is not, on account of the natural tendency of students to attend to the matter themselves, the duty of the college authorities to provide equally for the physical and mental training of those under their control; but it is in agreement with the teaching of science to say that the teacher or corporation of teachers that leaves physical culture out of account ignores one of the most important factors in education.

THE musical proclivities of the students have lately found expression in the formation of a Glee Club. This is something new in the history of the college, and promises to add to the enjoyment and utility of odd hours. The old songs have been thought to have played their part. They will be laid on the shelf but never forgotten. Others more popular will be introduced, and attention will be paid to systematic practice. We wish the infant club every prosperity. Its possibilities do not end with the enjoyment of leisure time. It is within the orbit of its powers to achieve grander triumphs, which the old songs partially achieved, but which the want of organization to some extent prevented. The power of music is only yet partially realized. Its influence in politics is well expressed in the saying, "Let me write the ballads of a nation and I care not who makes her laws." Military leaders of every age have paid it tribute by leading their troops into battle to the strains of martial music. The Church, where it is destined to wield its greatest influence, is beginning to realize its importance. It is easy to see how the Glee Club may be made to accomplish much good. The strong and mysterious bond of union between fellow-students may be materially strengthened by the introduction of suitable songs. Time may obliterate other associations, but it can have no power over those connected with a college song; for as often in after life as memory brings up the familiar notes of a cherished tune there will come with it the forms and voices of those with whom it has been sung. If the members of the club have an eye to these higher objects they will not only make it a source of present enjoyment but also insure its future usefulness.

BY the student above all other classes the holiday season is hailed with delight. Though there are some things to detract from the general merriment of this occasion on the *Hill*, yet it becomes all, so far as possible, to overcome these drawbacks. Owing to the change made in the college terms, the winter vacation has lost a part of its charm. Previous to this the student left buoyant with the thought that examinations were over. This year, however, he must go out with them hanging over him, to haunt his hours of merriment, for, like Banquo's ghost, they will not down. In the midst of these discouragements perhaps a word of advice would not be out of place.

Boys, don't allow anything to turn this holiday season into a mere sham. For the present, throw off all thought of study, and let these words cheer you for the future—"Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." If you are going home for a rest, take one. In order to do so, leave all your text-books behind you; for they will only stare at you from their well-marked pages, when you are trying to make merry the home circle, doing your part in removing from the family table the well-roasted turkey. In the meantime do all you can to make others happy. In this way you will be happy yourself, and carry with you pleasant recollections of your vacation. Make your sister a handsome present of some useful article. If you have no sister of your own, in a similar manner, make somebody's else sister happy. Don't put on a profound look in order to assure your friends that you are a student. Try to weave the golden threads of cheerfulness into your conversation, that others may look upon student life from its true standpoint.

Ye ministerial students would you enjoy this vacation, then do not imagine that you are the only divines in the land that have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal, or that the cause of religion will retrograde if you should rest for a few weeks. You must not carry the burden of all the churches on your shoulders—a smiling countenance may do more to help those whose welfare you seek, than your long face and deep sighs. Let your friends see that your religion makes you happy and fills you with hope for the future. It is well to make haste slowly. You had better take your time and load up well during your stay at college, lest you be found firing blank cartridges the remainder of your life.

It is good to have a well-stored mind and a sound body. Hard study while at College, and wisely-spent vacations will insure both. In closing we most cheerfully wish all our fellow-students and friends A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.