

knew well, told me that when a student in a Scotch University he took up a somewhat difficult problem in mathematics on a Saturday evening, and when he came to himself the light of the Sabbath morning was shining through his window curtains. So humiliated was he that he resolved never again to touch his favorite study when the Lord's day was at hand. After hours and hours of hard study it is physically impossible that in a minute you should adjust the mind to engage, with reverent attention and lively interest, in service of a different kind. That we may read the Scriptures and pray aright a little breathing time is required after severe study. Let this be found, and then, with mind fully awake, let us seek communion with our Father who is in Heaven. Thus shall the most absorbing study cease to have peril for the soul, and we shall go on our way rejoicing.

*Those Societies of a religious nature, which exist in nearly all Colleges and Universities in our time, are undoubtedly rendering valuable service to a large number of students.* In many instances they are beneficially affecting the religious life of the entire institutions with which they are connected. We have Missionary Societies, Young Men's Christian Associations, Associations for the study of the Bible and prayer, and various others. I am offering no opinion as to the relative merits of these societies, no criticism on their constitutions, or the manner of conducting them. It is quite possible that they are all susceptible of improvement; but they must be regarded as an important instrumentality in protecting and developing spiritual life among students and in sanctifying study. In such societies the more mature in years and character can help the less mature. Students who are forgetting God altogether may, through wisdom and gentleness, be influenced to their everlasting benefit, and good may be done all around.

I would therefore say to students who feel the need of spiritual help for themselves, and who would make their College life useful by helping others: Do not isolate yourselves from the organized religious life and work of your College. Even should a more private cultivation of the heart suffice for you, connection with these societies, or at least with some of them, may greatly extend your influence for good. The truly Christian student will desire so to spend his College days that the life of the College shall be better—holier—because he has mingled in it; and long, perhaps, after his name ceases to be pronounced within the College walls the fragrance of his character shall still sweeten the atmosphere which succeeding bands of students breathe.

As a means of sanctifying study and keeping the heart, while eagerly engaged in the pursuit of knowledge, I mention last—*faithfulness to the Church which we attend in the place where we prosecute study.* I do not suppose that any student who is accustomed to join in public worship when at home will wholly neglect this ordinance when he goes to College or other educational establishment. But many students who are not indifferent to religion hardly enter into the Church