

taught. For it is not the knowledge which you have here acquired which is to be of most service to you in the life before you, but the well trained and cultivated mind, the result of the various studies which you have here pursued, which you are to bring to bear upon the varied problems that life will present. Now apply this same principle to the lives which you are about to enter, and you will see that the choice which you make in the beginning (although doubtless important) is of far less importance than a firm and determined adherence to that choice, never giving way to discouragement, until success is yours.

One fault which is very common with young persons on completing their college course should be made the subject of especial caution. It is a misapplication of the oft' repeated maxim to "Aim high, if you would be sure to reach the mark." This feeling has often prevented young college graduates from accepting positions which they consider below those which they are qualified to fill; and thus they sometimes remain in idleness a long time for want of an opening which they deem worthy of the preparation they have made. Of course always aim as high as you can, but be not ashamed to begin low down. Whatever you do, do excellent work of its kind, and avenues of advancement will be rapidly opened before you. The quality of your work will soon be seen, and you will be asked to come up higher. And it is this perfecting of your work, giving it the last finishing touches, which gives it its real value, and brings you, in the end, well earned success. Why are all the professions crowded to repletion in the lower ranks, while, as Webster so well said, "There is always room at the top." It is because of the unwillingness of so many to give the necessary attention to the minutest details, considering these things trifling and unworthy their serious consideration.

Let me urge you to unswerving loy-

alty, in word and act, and under all circumstances, to the college of your choice—your Alma Mater. There are many ways in which this loyalty may be shown. Let me point out one of the most effectual. It is by doing well your part, with the rest of the Alumni, toward making her justly proud of the children whom she has sent forth. Give your college in this respect, a proud pre-eminence among the colleges of the State and country. To do this is within your power. All classes of its friends must unite to obtain and secure for the college an honorable rank among the colleges of this country. It is for the managers, who are responsible, to see that its work is well and thoroughly done; for the officers of the college, who are entrusted by the management, with the executive duties within its walls; for the students, who are to show by its effect upon their conduct and their characters that the work has been well and efficiently performed; and for the Alumni, who are to prove, by the effect of their training here upon their life's work, that this training has been well directed, and no part of it neglected nor overlooked; it is, I say for all of the classes of the friends of the college, by their united efforts, to win for their college, and to retain for it permanently a high rank among its sister colleges. That it has already thus secured a by no means unenviable place, no one conversant with its history in these past few years can for one moment doubt. That it will continue to increasingly deserve this honorable place, and become all that should be expected of an institution prayerfully founded, from convictions of duty, by a spiritually minded and conscientious people is my sincere and earnest belief to-day.

I should fall short of my duty in one of the most important respects if I should fail to remind you at this time of the increased obligation which your education here has imposed upon you toward the religious society by which