

student days may be the most useful, sacred, and lasting you will ever form. The friendships of a true heart—what a shelter its safe confidence affords! What a nourishing force its kindly warmth infuses! What a merciful corrective its faithful reproofs provide!

This will also guard you against another and more subtle danger. As there is a tendency unduly to develop one set of forces, so there is danger of a man suppressing another set. New fields of thought are continually opening up the student's mind. To explore profitably these fields he wants the guidance and companionship of a true friend with whom he may compare experiences.

In the course of your reading, be not fascinated by the novelty or boldness of any opinion or theory. Mark, learn, and inwardly digest your mind food. Nor allow yourself to be provoked, in the heat of a discussion, to assume a position that you have not previously tested.

Make full use of your professors in private consultation. There is need of coming near to the thoughts and the life of others in the matter of education. The late Irenaeus Prime says that the most useful and memorable part of his college life was half an hour which he spent with Dr. Griffin alone, in the privacy of his study, where, as a son to a father, he opened to him his heart and his hopes.

Your college life is analogous to the three years close companionship of Christ with his disciples. If the

presence and spirit of the Master do not nourish your being day by day, there is no place and no condition that will more surely dry up the sap of your soul life than the clear, dry, critical, intellectual atmosphere of a college. Therefore, whatever else you lose, be sure that you bind about your heart the cords of His eternal love.

You never needed a wise, grave, kindly, experienced counsellor, you never need the beloved John's place as a disciple at the breast of his Master, so much as you do now. Therefore let neither conceit nor shyness prevent you from making full use of the facilities within your reach to save yourself from the dangers incident to a student's life."

#### MEDICAL MISSION.

Mr. L. D. Wishard, College Secy. of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., addressed a meeting of McGill students in the Wm. Molson Hall, on Saturday, the 31st ultimo, on the subject of Medical Mission Work. Sir Wm. Dawson occupied the chair, and in a few graceful remarks introduced the speaker whose plain, practical and convincing address will not, we imagine, soon be forgotten by those who heard it. Below is a short sketch of his speech.

He appealed in behalf of Medical Missions, because of the great ignorance of medicine among the heathen: they know nothing of anatomy, physiology, and the nature of disease. All sickness they attribute to the agency of demons. Here Mr. Wishard