

those acquirements which make life noble and useful. It is not for you to join in the follies of frivolous pleasure-seekers, or to sacrifice the true culture of your minds and hearts to the mere pursuit of gain. Your aims are higher, and require isolation from the outer world, and self-denial, in the hope that what you are now sowing and planting will bear good fruit in all your future lives. Live up to this ideal, and bear in mind that the self-control and habits of mind which it implies, are of themselves worth more than all the sacrifices you make.

Be loyal to the memories of home. I regret very much that McGill cannot at present offer to its students such temporary homes as college halls could supply. The time for this is coming, I hope soon. But most of you have those at home who look on your residence here with solicitude and longing, who will rejoice in your successes and perhaps be heart-broken should any evil befall you. It is customary to say that young people at college are removed from the restraints of home and its influences for good. But this need not be. To truly loyal hearts assistance should make these influences more powerful, and the thought of those who are watching you with loving hearts in distant homes should be a strong impelling motive in the student's life.

Next to home is heaven, and let me now add loyalty to Him who reigns there, and to the Captain of our Salvation made perfect through sufferings for us. Many of you, I know, are earnest Christians and growing in spiritual life as you advance in learning. To those who are not, let me say:—Read as a serious study the Life of Jesus Christ as given in the Gospels. Read it in the light of His own sayings, that “He came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many,”