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The Sanctum.

THE work of the academic year is well under way. The students are settled down to study. It was once thought by some that the man who spent the least time over his books and yet succeeded in passing his examinations and winning his degree was one worthy of the profoundest admiration. He that could perform such a feat, it was thought, must surely have a great head. However, although high may be the judgment placed upon a man by his college-mates and friends, the world judges one not by what he can do, but by what he does. It is work which the world demands. If one has ability so much the better, for so much the more can be accomplished. Ability unexercised avails nothing.

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FROM a class of men and women pursuing a course of liberal education, much is expected. When the country was younger and educational facilities more limited, the youth of brain and mettle must seek preparation for the service they would render their country and fellow-men in school of workshop and by solitary plodding over scanty books by candle light in log cabin. We may not despise such heroes. The country called them and they responded with all the power of minds developed under difficulties the most rigid. They proved themselves great and the world has acknowledged their greatness. Their lives but demonstrate the fact that when the services of great men are needed they will be forthcoming, whatever obstacles may lie in their way, under whatever adversity of circumstances they may be placed. The fact that men of great usefulness to the world have been fitted for their work without the aid of college instruction, does not of course detract aught