

we pray God to establish; the *human* work—the *human* effort—however feeble, must be there, to be prospered and established by His almighty power and by His tender mercy. Let us be true to Him—true to the lofty aims and pious counsels of those who preceded us, true to our own sacred principles, as none can be true, save those who have learned to “look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen,” to look away from the false glare and glitter of the world, to that which God Himself accounts to be most precious and most honourable.

On some, to whom I am now speaking, the weight of this responsibility does not as yet rest: they have not yet to advise and act for the well being of the College, and they cannot wisely seek to anticipate the time when this burden will rest upon them. It will come all too soon: meanwhile, during their happy immunity from it, there does rest upon them what should ever be regarded as a most welcome and inspiring obligation, the obligation to advance the welfare of the society, into which they have been admitted, by personal excellence, and by a diligent use of the faculties with which God has endowed them, and of the means of improvement which He has here placed within their reach. The great Bishop Selwyn is still held in grateful remembrance by those who knew him at Eton and at Cambridge, as one who exhibited before them the fair example of a pure and honourable Christian life. We see, in his instance, how great, how glorious, may be the issue of such a boyhood, and of such a youth. Examples, such as his, go very far to prosper and to establish the institutions which they