

volumes, easily accessible and thoroughly catalogued. Attached to this book-room are a set of studies, or smaller libraries, devoted to the special use of classes or groups of students, who there carry on independent work under the guidance of their professor. Here, where are deposited books in actual use by the class, they meet, conduct enquiries, read essays and engage in discussions under the teacher's care, and here is done the best and most fruitful work in certain branches. Such a building with the requisite conversation-rooms and other appliances, avoiding all needless expenditure, will cost under \$60,000. And I place it first in the rank of our needs.

I place next in order of pressing importance the Gymnasium. It will be the physical centre, as the library will be the intellectual centre of our system. We want it for the health of the intellectual centre ; the student cannot neglect his body without injuring his mind. For a great while its need has been felt ; and our long winter months, when the means of exercise and recreation, close at hand and under shelter, are so important, render it to us no less than vital. A Gymnasium of moderate size and modern form, built with some regard to the elevation, and with the conveniences of a basement and a gallery, on a scale reckoned very humble in other universities elsewhere, would cost about \$25,000. A single storey shed, which would give one large floor space, but would be as ugly as sin, and as inconvenient, would cost about \$10,000. We ought to adopt the other plan, and if needs be, even to confer our degrees for a time in our Gymnasium.

And this brings me to the last item on my short list—a Convocation Hall, to be used on occasions like the present, and also for examination purposes, and for occasional academic gatherings. This is doubtless an important element in our university life. You may judge of its value when I remind you of the touching petition of our young graduates of this day, who asked that they might be laureated nowhere else than by the ruins of our ancient hall. Such a building would require a larger floor plan than the old one, which we had long outgrown; and, with a presentable elevation, conformable to the general style of our architecture, would cost, I fear \$60,000.