

thing, if it comes in the path of duty in a course I have voluntarily undertaken. Everything, if it tends to develop and to energize the faculties which are the Lord's tools lent me for the Lord's work. Everything, if it enables me to get more successfully at other minds, with the message of Christ and of all that Christ is.

Would God that more earnest young Christian men were real students. Not the unreal students whose delight is to air (with more or less success) the last evanescent phase of current thought; but the real students who, "firm on the rock and strong in Christ," recognize the greatness of the mind as an implement for God, and with all their hearts read "unto Him". Such men find "the secret of His presence" as real in the hour of literary labour as any where else. And how much finer and stronger is the work of their minds, for that presence overshadowing!

3. In the matter of college intercourse. Let me be brief but outspoken here. I am quite sure that many English Christian students (perhaps it is quite otherwise in the great West) lamentably forget the *do all to the glory of God* in the matter of their common intercourse. There is a widespread oblivion (with splendid exceptions) of the duty of glorifying God *socially*. The sense of duty (I repeat that great word) is not generally strong as regards the call to uniform watchfulness in matters of manner, of speech, of habit, as things which inevitably tell for worse or better upon others round us. Within my recollection, if I am not very much mistaken, there has been a slackening among University men of the old fashioned bonds of self-respect, a virtue which is interlaced at every point with genuine respect for others. Side by side, too often, go those apparent opposite, a dull individualism which is the parody of independence, and a slavery to fashions of thought, speech and habit which is the miserable phantom of *communis sensus*. And these things are not unknown in Christian student circles. And the true antidote to them is *do all to the glory of God*.

We are never off duty, as Christians. If we are indeed the Lord's we carry about everywhere with us, and at all times, the service which is perfect freedom, the *servire quod est regnare* the *noblesse oblige* which at once restrains and develops the man in his whole life. So he shall be a vessel meet for the Master's use and ready, in his student life, for every good work. Amen, so be it.

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