

over it is largely based upon the judgment of others, while self-conceit is based exclusively on one's own independent and transcendent opinion. It is the atmosphere in which self-reliance, fidelity and independence breathe. This is what it does for inward character. It also does something for the outward man. True self-esteem will not permit him to be careless in regard to his manner of conduct and appearance. It will not condone the popular notion that it is a mark of individuality to look "tough" or to glory in the appearance of grossness and vulgarity for the sake of pleasure in noting the suspicious and curiosity-stricken faces of others. A rational self-esteem will not easily forsake principle. College life is supposed to free a conceited soul from part of his burden at least, but it is also a discipline which favors, in the self-loyal spirit, the cultivation of true self-esteem. It reveals to the student his powers and creates confidence in himself, while at the same time it sets him free from the power of ignoble example and conduct. It does no harm to cultivate a measure of self-esteem. Only by over-cultivation will it become self-conceit.

The recent death of Rev. A. J. Gordon, D. D., has deprived the Baptists of the New England States of a man whom they could ill spare. Such characters are too rarely found among us that we should not feel a sense of personal loss when we hear the sad news of his departure from life. Dr. Gordon was a man of great personal worth and a leader in the Christian work of this continent. He was born at New Hampton, N. H., April 19th, 1836. He graduated at Brown University in 1860, and from Newton Seminary in 1863. He held only two permanent pastorates : Jamaica Plains, to which he was called after graduation from Newton, and Clarendon St. Baptist Church, Boston, which he had held for the past quarter of a century. In December last the twenty-fifth anniversary of his engagement with them was celebrated by the church. His public and personal life was of a most excellent and exalted type. Those who have had the pleasure of seeing him and listening to his words will not soon eradicate the impression from their memory. His prayers, his sermons, his addresses, point out to you that he was a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost. The Watchman says : "He had a noble presence, a rich voice, a fine intellect and a command of language which made his style like perfect plate-glass, through which you could look without being aware of the intervening medium ; but it was not these things that created the distinctive impression that marked his preaching. You felt that one was before you with a message gained by communion with God ; he brought with him the atmosphere of the quiet hour of prayer." Among his