

meetings. He was listened to throughout with close attention, and at the close received a hearty vote of thanks.

THE STUDENT AND COLLEGE SOCIETIES.

The interest taken by students in general, and especially by students in the junior years, in the meetings of the various college societies does not augur well for the future of our college. Many students attend but few meetings, and those very irregularly ; while others are never seen at any, and know little or nothing of college life as manifested in them. We believe that the attitude of such towards these meetings is not one of hostility, but is rather due to the fact that they have not come to see their true relation to the college, and the importance of these things as factors in true education. Coming to a strange college, students generally find plenty to do in preparing for their classes each day, and are apt to imagine that they have included all the elements in a liberal education when they attend to the studies prescribed in the curriculum. This, however, is a mistake. No curriculum, however broad, is in itself sufficient to educate a man. *Learning* may be got from books, but *education* cannot. "It," to use the words of another, "is a more living process, and requires that a student shall at times close his books, leave his solitary room, and mingle with his fellow-men. He must seek the intercourse of living hearts as well as of dead books ; especially the companionship of those of his own contemporaries whose minds and characters are fitted to instruct, elevate, and sweeten his own."

Now, it is just this element in education that college societies supply. The Literary Society, the Missionary Society, and the Saturday conferences of our college all contribute to this end. It is, therefore, certainly worth while for every student to ask himself the question: Am I availing myself of the training afforded by these societies ; or am I, while striving to attain education, cutting myself off from the very element which is necessary to its attainment ? If students will honestly look at the matter in this light, we feel sure that the attendance at the different meetings will be largely increased, and the interest greatly quickened.

We are well aware that meetings around a college, such as ours, are numerous, and that it is almost impossible to attend all ; but it does not follow, on the other hand, that we should absent ourselves from all. It will not do to say that we come to college to study, and think that this frees us from taking part in everything else. It certainly is true that we come to college to study, but it does not follow that we are to do nothing else. If those who emphasize study so strongly mean simply that it is our duty, while at college, to study diligently and systematically, every one will acknowledge its truthfulness ; but if, on the other hand, they mean that