

burst their bonds asunder—to seek liberty by changing their circumstances? No, but by adopting the stand of life and duty worthy of Christians. They are summoned in their sphere to the same high calling as their fellow Christians who were externally free. In service to Christ does life find its worth. In service we should make more of motive and less of sphere than we do. No doubt human work has its economic side. In the market the man who makes five talents must count for more than he who can only make one or two. In the kingdom of God, however, he who makes one talent out of his one will receive the approval of heaven as well as he whose five talents receive five talents more. There is a spirit of carnal hero-worship in man which must be watched. Deeds externally conspicuous and brilliant are apt to absorb our attention. Motive in the light of the aim God has appointed for our living should determine the estimate we should put upon human action. Some careers are pronounced successes which are failures and failures through the very acquisitions which are hailed as successes; whilst there are men whose lives, gauged by the standards of the world, seem fruitless who are “rich towards God.” By spiritual results the wise estimate gains and losses. Appear not to men to fast. Fast and mourn, but let it not be the supreme interest with you. Through fasting and mourning abiding results are reached to the sins of other than worldly sorrow.

Christianity has been unwisely styled the religion of sorrow. It is the religion of victory. Not a cup of cold water given in Christ's name will be as water poured upon the ground. All things work together for good to them that love and serve God. There is no failure for a man in so far as he aims in whatever he does to imitate Christ. In this imitation does true life consist and in furthering or hindering it in our fellowmen are we false or true to them.

Not what gratifies me in the service of fellowmen must win my approval, but what their lives should be in the right of God. What effect upon their character do their ministrations to me produce is a consideration to which I must ever keep myself alive in judging whether I shall accept or refuse their services. For one man to endanger his life for the mere gratification or success of another is wrong. Seeking gratification from the sight of acrobatic performances is to drink water from “the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate.” Encouraging smartness in children to procure entertainment at the expense of their deepest life is to drink water from “the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate.” The ambition to secure educational results without educational growth and character is to drink water from “the well of Bethlehem which is by the

gate.” To benefit by systems of trade “where wealth accumulates and men decay” is to drink water from “the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate.” To indulge in social enjoyment on the Lord's day at the cost of the religious rights and privileges of young servants is to drink water from “the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate.” Whatever, in short, operates to obscure the spiritual aim which should animate every man's life, which directs him to love God with all his heart, soul, mind and strength, is to maltreat the nature which God has given man. In the light of this aim the misleading distinction of secular and sacred disappear. The aim of all men, according to divine intent, is one. In the various spheres of life providentially assigned them they are to find in all times and places the means of grace for the spiritualization of their character. What fails to spiritualize man degrades him. Spartan education emphasizes only daring and skill, qualities useful in war, equip men only for an earthly existence.

Whoever teaches churchianity instead of christianity, whoever urges men to work for “the cause,” rather than for principle, drinks from “the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate,” Three great words suggest themselves in connection with this subject—liberty, equality and fraternity. He only is free who is the servant of Christ, fulfilling His will in himself and trying to effect the same in others. Men are equal, not externally or in personal endowment, but in their call to be the servants of Christ. All are obligated in relations of superiors, inferiors or equals to live saintly lives. This is equality which levels men up and makes each man true in his place.

And lastly the fraternity of man consists in the varied manifestation of the man's spiritual equality. You are specially trained here to acquire character for yourselves in and through that training that you may go forth and impart character to others. Reverence those whom in Providence you find in relation to you. Whether rich or poor honour all men as made in the image of God and as you do so you cannot fail but bless and bind them to you for ever and ever.

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The list of events for the annual sports next fall has been prepared and will be published, if found convenient, in the hand book for next session.

Professors McNaughton and Cappon will spend the summer in the Old Country, and Prof. Marshall left last week to spend the summer in Trinidad.

The work of preparing the lawn tennis court is being actively pushed and the grounds will probably be ready for use before the end of the summer.