

extended both by professors and students. He will not soon forget the eager scanning of the long rows of strange faces assembled at the dining tables, to discover some kindred spirit and the pleasing sense of being at home among Christian brethren, as the company at the close of the meal reverently joined in worship, one student in simple but earnest words leading in prayer, and all those strong manly voices blending in sweet harmony as they sang a familiar psalm. How different are the influences thrown around the young student from those with which many a young man finds himself surrounded on entering upon city life. It was but natural that among the freshmen, drawn together as they were by common sympathies and aims, a feeling of brotherhood should soon spring up, but among our most cherished memories of those early days is the kind, courteous and gentlemanly behaviour of the seniors. Surrounded by so many genial happy associates, the feeling of isolation from home soon wore away and the unsophisticated youth soon fell into the line of college life. The social life was of the pleasantest kind, and many of those, then seniors, now widely scattered, some of them gone home to the Master they wished to serve on earth, will never be forgotten.

The enthusiasm connected with beginning work in the University; the important feelings of the young men on donning the cap and gown for the first time, the deference and respect shown to the men who had reached the lofty summit of fourth-yearhood; the ambitious feelings aroused by all we heard of those who had carried off in triumph the highest honors and were for the time being the idols of the college; the expanded views of the limits of knowledge caused by the constant opening up before us of new and hitherto undreamed of fields

of research and speculation, making all our past attainments as scholars shrink into wondrous littleness, are among some of the things that remain as memories of the first year.

There was hard work and plenty of it, a great deal of "midnight oil" and vital energy was consumed under the delusion that if a man was to be a successful student he must keep terribly late hours. But the steady stream of plodding work was often rippled here and there by those recreations which serve to give an edge to both the physical and intellectual appetite. The games of football on the beautiful lawn, in which contending forces met in friendly combat and strove with might and main for the victory, were and are still a popular amusement during the pleasant afternoons of autumn; and it was often noted that the most enthusiastic players stood among the first on the college lists. The day of the annual games, when youthful athletes tested their fleetness of foot and strength of lung, when crowds of fair visitors seated in front of the college buildings or in picturesque groups under some of the beautiful trees gave a charm to the scene, was one of the gala days in the Michaelmas Term. The meetings of the Literary Society formed a pleasant break in the routine of the week, and their hall was often the scene of exciting and amusing encounters. At times we listened to the maiden effort of some aspiring young orator whose brilliant ideas seemed to have taken wings and fled in the presence of those critical eyes. At times we listened to a perfect torrent of flowery eloquence from some would-be Demosthenes, which some of the more matter-of-fact auditors were wont to stigmatize as "gas." But with all its amusing features much valuable work was done, and many who have since taken a prominent position as public speakers owe very much of their suc-