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The Sanctum.

The sessional examinations are over once more. Notwithstanding all the controversy with regard to the merits and defects of the examination system, it still continues to be the test of general scholarship in most institutions on this continent. Since the establishment of the optional courses in our curriculum and the change in the date of the sessional examinations from Xmas to February, a longer time is allowed for examinations than before. Two weeks are set aside for examination purposes, during which no class work is done. This we think is an improvement on the old method in every respect. Time is thus given for a fairly thorough review of the subjects gone over during the term, and not a mere respite for the purpose of "cramming." This review is necessary and beneficial and fixes the general principles of each subject in the mind. Two weeks review is thus better than four or five days absorption, for the purpose of putting down on paper that which, immediately it appears on the paper, disappears from the mind, and vanishes into the shades of misty memory. It is certainly productive of much good to each student who makes a fair and honest use of the fortnight set apart for examinations.

Self-conceit differs from self-esteem in the same way that tyranny differs from justice. It is possible for a person to make a just estimate of himself and it is possible to over-estimate one's capabilities. The former commands respect, the latter is obtrusive and vexatious; the former is consistent, the latter ridiculous. Self-esteem merely makes a proper estimate of personal worth and is not inconsistent with modesty, while at the same time it adds a gravity and seriousness to character and action which commands the respect of everybody. Self-esteem is based upon what a man is and not what he possesses. More-