

HOME LIFE IN COLLEGE.

We talk of our college home, and fondly dream of finding here the joys, comforts, privileges and refining influences of home life. Whether the dream is harmful or helpful, depends upon its interpretation. If we interpret it as an indication that we have a right to expect and demand all home conveniences and advantages, we may reap a harvest of disappointments. If we interpret it as an admonition to cultivate home virtues, we may reap a harvest of domestic happiness. We shall suggest a few home virtues which we will do well to cultivate. Carefulness in the preservation of property is a home virtue. Every member of a well-regulated family feels responsible for the protection of the home from defacement and despoliation. A similar responsibility rests upon every member of our college home. If ever a thoughtless schoolboy, having learned letters before he has learned sense, enters theological halls to carve the doors and pencil the walls, it is to be hoped that the general feeling with regard to his conduct will be such as to make him exceedingly uncomfortable until he changes his quarters or reforms his manners. To proceed in this strain would be to hint that carefulness in this matter is not characteristic amongst us. This would be a misrepresentation. Yet even in the best of homes, the exuberance of youthful spirits puts the household furniture and breakable parts of the house at a great disadvantage, unless some wholesome check is placed upon it. The wise mother finds that cleanliness, brightness and tasteful arrangements are very effective means of checking the boisterous spirits of her children. Our College Board has taken a leaf out of her book, and made generous expenditure this year to give

a cheerful, attractive appearance to our halls and dormitories. If children, in their homes, are careful to keep dirty feet off the newly covered lounge, and greasy fingers off the newly-papered walls, surely we will not show less appreciation of our benefactors' efforts to make our college home attractive.

Another home virtue which we wish to mention, is a thoughtful consideration of each others wishes, in short, love for one another. Mother love is necessarily absent from our college home, and sisterly affection is sorely missed, yet we should make the law of love our ruling principle. It must be ruling now, for, without a code of laws to define our mutual duties, over seventy students board and lodge together amicably, and many others would gladly join our brotherhood if we had room to receive them. 'Seniores priores,' is a principle which is strictly followed in the allotment of rooms. In other college matters it is partially hidden, but by no means weakened by entrenchment behind the greater and nobler principle of each esteeming others better than themselves. It is this broad principle that greatly minimizes the importance of specific rules and regulations. Legal machinery is never conspicuous where the smooth working law of love is both motive power and regulator. Our happy circumstances remove many temptations to entrench on the rights of each other. We might imagine rules restricting noise in our rooms: even elocutionary and musical performances might have to be restricted if we were not provided with a large hall in which we may freely exercise our vocal powers. Besides this, lovers of music are glad to acknowledge the kindness of Messrs. Willis & Co., who have again placed a piano for our use