

The college student is placed in peculiar moral relations. His is a special life because of its variety and closeness. Sharp moral distinctions must ever be made. Questions of right and wrong we are ever called upon to decide. We have a moral standing to support and a moral life to cultivate. Too often are we apt to forget that we move in a world where rules of conduct are as binding on us as upon other people. It is true we have peculiar temptations but no peculiar moral license. We have no right to condemn in others what we excuse in ourselves. The college cap and gown can by no means justify us in wrong acting. We need a pronounced moral sentiment against all infringements of gentlemanly conduct. Let such a spirit possess us in every walk of college life. Let us not do in the dark what we would shrink from doing in the light. Let us seek that moral courage which will enable us to denounce in our student life what would be considered improper in the townsman. We are students but also citizens; and no plea on the ground of being a member of the college can excuse us from acting in accord with moral laws, general and special.

But full development implies the cultivation of the whole being; we cannot therefore in justice omit the religious life man. We attach to the term "religious" no mystic significance whatever. We speak of the religious spirit as a constituent part of our natures. We affirm that its cultivation is the source of all true character building. No ideal is worthy of our manhood which ignores that by which true manly development is attained. Of such supreme importance is this element in our development that our whole college and future life must be largely determined by our religious aspirations. As well might you expect a high moral ideal without the sense of moral duty as to look for a completed man without the cultivation of that most vital part of our natures. The foundation of this Institution was laid in agonizing prayer and its future existence and success must have its source in the same cause. The demands of our life, fellow students, call for a deeper piety and more consecrated effort in all our activities on the Hill. To this end an introspection of our inner life is necessary; a submission to the highest laws of our being is indispensable. Then petty jealousies of classes will vanish. Striving after office will be considered supremely selfish. The forgiving spirit will be cultivated and the whole religious moral and intellectual life will have received a new start. We are told that the old order is changing at "Acadia" and giving place to the new. That may be true concerning the arts course; but it is not, it ought not, in cannot be true in