

is an asset or a handicap for the average young man beginning life. The returns point to the fact that students who get through on a total expenditure of \$500 or less, per college year, devote only six per cent. of their outlay to clothes, while those who spend \$2,000 or more, adorn themselves, at a cost of a quarter of their incomes. Again, the richer students, it seems, spend 18 times as much as the poorer, on pleasure, and 82 times as much on tobacco and intoxicants. What dangers there are in riches even to college men who have not learned how to make right use of them! Can we not say that they are the fortunate persons who seek the true development to which they learn to subordinate all other things, even wealth when it comes to them?

At the final meeting of the Philosophical Society, the following officers were elected for next year: Hon. President, Prof. Campbell; President, D. C. Ramsay; Vice-President, J. M. Shaver; Secretary-Treasurer, C. C. Salisbury.

At the annual meeting of the Y.M.C.A., some time ago, new regulations were adopted with respect to the Freshmen's Reception. They are as follows:

I. That the Freshmen's Receptions hereafter be made less formal in their nature than has been the case in the last few years.

II. That invitations be confined to the members of the Y.W.C.A., Y.M.C.A., members of the Freshmen class, Professors and their families.

III. That the system of having regular promenade programmes be dispensed with, that the programme be provided as far as possible by the students themselves, and the entertainment throughout be planned with a view to having the members of the Freshman class become as widely acquainted as possible.

IV. That the practice of soliciting aid in the way of refreshments be discontinued.

These regulations being agreed to, a further recommendation was adopted to the effect that the present system of collecting membership fee by selling tickets to the Freshmen's Reception be discontinued; that the Membership Committee undertake a canvass for membership among the students in the spring, the Freshmen being canvassed immediately after the Reception in the fall; that those desiring to become members shall be asked to make a subscription to the funds of the Society, a subscription of 50 cents and over entitling one to membership.

It is obvious that a very important and much-needed reform has been made in this popular function, the Freshmen's Reception. This function, it must be acknowledged, has come to be so crowded, and confusing, so formal and so unentertaining to Freshmen, that it has defeated its chief aim; which is to make the Freshmen Class "as widely acquainted as possible" with the students of other Years, and among themselves. To prevent the usual crowding, the invitations are now to be limited to the members of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., the Freshmen Class, the Professors and their families. To make the function less formal, the regular promenades will be dispensed with. In this way we hope the difficulties of previous Receptions will be overcome, and the Freshmen will be well entertained, and made at home in their new surroundings.