

College Halls, it stations for him all around in the land the most valuable friendships he can possibly have. College men find this true in active life. The more numerous their College comrades the better for them. It may be allowed to us to look up to lofty heights for examples. We have them in the last two Presidents of the United States. Ex-president Roosevelt, a Harvard man, was helped greatly to political prominence by his Harvard comradeship. There were lines of good fellowship running out in thousands of directions, like telegraph wires, to Harvard men in all the country, and these were kept hot for him by his many friends. So too President Taft owes much to his Yale friendships, while that equally noble personage, Mr. W. J. Bryan, had but small help from College comrades, for they were few. And what we are saying of political prestige, is just as true, when applied to the law or to medicine or to the Christian ministry, and indeed to any occupation or industry. In all these the good fellowship of college comrades, has supreme value,—more than conspicuous scholarship, or abundant spending money in College days, or favorable family connections. Comradeship is a potency of the first and commanding order. It was Dean Briggs of Harvard who spoke of “human fellowship as the real and great and permanent blessing of College life.”

There is some danger of the clubs and societies of College, dwarfing this blessing. It is in their belittling process that secret societies do their greatest mischief. They may contract the blessings of comradeship to the student. He is in danger of making his world only as large as the numbers in his little College fraternity. There are in Harvard all told forty or more societies or clubs. A few students are so narrow and contracted as to limit their comradeship to their College fraternity. If you watch the career of such men you will observe that their world will always be very small like themselves. It need not be so. It is the large comradeship that is most valuable. The whole College is even too small for the largest profits. The student during his College course should build himself somewhat at the least into the sur-