

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF COLLEGE STANDING.

DISTINCTIONS of various kinds are emanating from the college office thruout the land. These distinctions fall into three general classes, high averages, fair averages, and plucks. The extremes of merit and demerit are marked by high averages and plucks respectively.

Now there are distinguishing characteristics appertaining to the students who have been successful in obtaining any of these distinctions. At least it is so believed in well-informed circles. A man does not have to be a prophet nor the son thereof to fortell accurately the vicinity in which the high averages and the plucks will descend.

There is always a dual nature in the behavior of the recipients of these distinctions. The student who will receive high averages is seldom seen at places of amusement. When he does venture forth he is seen to be of adamantine appearance. On gazing upon him one suffers a revulsion of feeling, and is led to quote Shakespeare's famous saying,

"Let me play the fool;
With mirth and lauhgter let old wrinkles come,
And let my liver rather heat with wine
Than my heart break with mortifying groans."

Even after he has received his distinction, his moments of greatest relaxation and hilarity are marked only by wan, pious smiles.

There is, however, another seemingly sanctimonious type which might easily deceive the most wary. These use solemnity as a cloak for their real characters, and if closely watched during the midnight hours might be seen to indulge in nefarious games, or to partake of foaming portions of ale. Of such an one beware, as he will in due season struggle verborosely with the exam, and then be fortunate if he, in the cloud of obscurity which his words have created, escapes with a scant second class.

The recipients of plucks are generally of two types, those who are intellectually dull and those who have excellent