

which cannot be supplied at home. The young man goes to college fresh from the influences of home life, and the associations of that sacred place become powerful agencies in leading him into an honorable and an upright life. The memory of a mother's fond caress, a father's solicitude, a sister's farewell kiss, all plead with him to resist the temptations thrown in his way, and entreat him to make honesty and integrity his abiding faith. Home influences tend rather to cultivate the moral part of one's nature, while the college adds to these traits a spirit of independence and of individuality. The constant associations with bright minds creates self reliance and the desire to be up and doing. Even the daily spectacle of these quiet buildings teeming with traditions of past learnings and triumphs, exerts a most potent influence in moulding your characters. The frauds and evils of politics, and in fact of all enterprises, while in a large measure due to illiteracy and ignorance, are the results mainly of the failure to establish a firm character in early life. Men who lack stability—men who are

"Like wax, apply them to the fire  
Melting they take the impression you desire ;  
Easy to mould and fashion as you please,  
And again moulded with an equal ease,"

allow themselves to be persuaded to vote for some man who is influenced merely by selfish motives and has not the welfare of others at heart; or they be cunningly enticed in some venture which results disastrously for all but the one who instigated the scheme. On the other hand we see men who occupy the position of reformers who check the evil tendencies of the hour and are ever actuated by principles of honesty, men who are

"Like melted iron, their forms retain  
But once impressed will never melt again."

Such I hope you may be.

Every institution of learning should foster and encourage its literary societies as they are very important, very necessary features. The meetings are but miniatures of our great legislative bodies, and in the halls of the societies you have the opportunity to study the policies, tendencies and aims of