

it, is dangerous. Every branch of the College work is so organized that the application with which you start will be the groove in which you pursue your course. Our experience is that the first few recitations decide a man's standing in the Institution, or, to use a familiar illustration, he who makes "walking extras" a part of his first months work will "walk extras" throughout the year. Some of you have come with the idea uppermost—it is the well-meant advice at times of parents—that it is your prime object here to finish the course in four, three, or two years. It is an insufficient proposal. Rather say; let me do today's work well; let me leave no prescribed duty unfinished, let me adopt the old artist's motto: "Nulla dies sine linea," not a day without its progress. You are not beginning a two, three, or four years' task, but a life-time career; you are taking on you a series of obligations which will never be relaxed; you are entering a phase of life which runs into eternity. I repeat, then begin at once, and take advantage of all opportunities at hand. Of course, you will enter immediately upon what are termed requirements, but he is only half a man who does only what he is required to do. The servant who never volunteers an effort beyond what is demanded of him, the wage-earner who is careful lest his employer should receive one stroke of the pick or shovel or an expenditure of muscle beyond what he is paid for, is a hireling and no more. Do those things which are not demanded of you in black and white but which may be good for you morally and which may react for good upon those about you. You are not required by the laws of the College to say your prayers and read your Bibles, but many an anxious father and mother would feel grieved should they know that you neglect these means for the training of the better nature, these safe-guards against temptation and carelessness of life. Bring out those Bibles then from your trunks, read and assimilate a few verses every day; let nothing intervene to hinder you; let no laughter or ridicule upon the part of those who had not your advantages of training,