

to get a leave of absence at all, and it can only be gotten on condition that missed lessons be studied and recited within a limited time after return. All such close measures of regulation are universally conceded to be indispensable in preparatory departments, but we think they might be materially modified in college. We say this well assured that they are so modified in many colleges. And it is significant in this connection that colleges most liberal in such respects are the largest and leading colleges. It seems to be conceded in the light of these examples that close routine requirements are not necessary for the maintenance of a high standard of attainment. If this be true why may not absence for a time, of certain prescribed limits be granted to our base-ball team, for instance, for a trip, without subjecting them to requirements upon return which almost amount to compelling compliance with the few days of routine which they have missed? Might this not be granted in the case of those students at least whose standing under the professors in charge recommends them as students who may be relied upon to do fair work in the studies of the term?

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LET not the non-Christian in our midst suppose that any standard which he or others will ever bear will overshadow the standard of the Y. M. C. A. Why? Because it holds aloft the truths of the gospel of which Paul said he was not ashamed, "for it is the power of God unto salvation." The mathematician is apt to judge that student dull who is not apt in mathematical study. The like is true of many people, who judge by a standard of their own, apt to be biased. Talmage says, every man has his hobby, and no doubt this

fact is conducive to extended accomplishments in given lines. So we say to all students: Think enough of your chosen studies to love them better than all other studies, have a high idea of the importance and influence of your chosen field, but whether that field be law, civil engineering, electrical or mechanical engineering, never suppose that it will vie with those principles, which the gospel mentioned embodies, in claiming the attention of men. If your surroundings and your associates are quite engrossed with the important secular issues, never suppose that men will become so commercial and so entirely "of the earth earthy," that this gospel will cease to be regarded. It is not beneath your notice; you have time to concern yourself about it now; it is compatible with and preëminent to your present study, whatever that may be, and it is compatible with what the habit of life, not to mention other considerations, ought to be.

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WE are pleased to call the attention of the students, Alumni, and friends of this institution to the proposed publication of a *College Annual* by the present Junior class. The class has selected an efficient corps of editors, and, judging from the present activity of the staff, we will be favored with a volume worthy of the support of the institution and its friends. This will be the first *Annual* ever published at this institution and so far as the literary character of it is concerned we predict it will be a success. Now as to the financial part: The *Annual* as now anticipated will burden the class with a great expense which they hope will be shared by the students, Alumni, and friends. We can assure the class the aid of the students in this undertaking, as they have