

owe to the memories of those who spread for you these feasts of the higher learning and opened the paths before you to life's highest destinies? Is it nothing to you, who temporarily occupy these institutions which belong to the ages, that they shall be upheld in their dignity by your worthy characters and manly behavior? Is it nothing to you that, as you add your names to the lengthening rolls of their alumni, you may add something also to their reputation and power to bless others? Is it nothing to you that the fame of this college shall be made brighter through the coming years by your sound scholarship and high aims and principles, by your reverent love of God and humanity, your noble devotion to truth and to the good of mankind?

And what can I say to that miserable minority, scattered through our American colleges, whose narrow and disordered minds count mischief as manliness, and who with silly if not satanic meanness and folly would disturb if not destroy these noble institutions of learning built 'mid the prayers, the tears, and sacrifices of Christly men and women? If we could reach the ears and consciences of these poor, diseased souls we would say: "What mean ye, that with miserable taste and worse spirit you turn these monuments of the noble past, these lofty halls of highest learning—the hope of our country and of humanity—into foul arenas of childish folly and dishonor with your ghoulish glee these shrines sacred to the memories of the great minds they have educated and to the hopes of the generations to come? I know that the hazing and rowdyism which disgrace and seriously damage our American colleges and universities are the work of a few, a mere fraction of the great body of students, but they owe their immunity to the thoughtlessness and silent consent of the better men who merely laugh at the crimes they ought to suppress. When the better men, the large majority, shall organize for the defence of their colleges as the others organize for mischief the hazing will end.

Permit me to say to you, young men, you are the true trustees of this institution. You hold it in your keeping night and day. It is for you to give it character and success; it is for you to write its name higher in honor and power, to advertise it more broadly, and arm it with a character and influence which shall enable it to teach, not merely science, but manhood, humanity and all that higher and grander learning which Christianity reveals to dignify man's life and enrich his immortality. As you would