

tude in conduct, promoting and not withstanding faith in a spiritual world and in the ultimacy of mind.

Let us, then, in this new year, magnify our office. I call on all of you, faculty and pupils, to join with me, by singleness of aim, energy, enterprise and application, to make this the best year our dear and noble university has ever known.

There are some particular amenities connected with membership in our university. Let us appreciate them. We are to be congratulated that industry, earnestness, high character and high aims are so general among us, that we have no fast set, that harmony prevails in the teaching force, that we live in the midst of a sympathetic and highly intelligent community which not only tolerates academic freedom, but insists on the maintenance of it, and that the regency of the university is so large-minded and considerate.

So delightful, in fact, is our situation in these particulars that we endure without complaint various infelicities which in themselves deserve criticism. Some students sadly lack university spirit; others nourish a divisive and polemic temper, seeming to deem it greatness always to oppose their fellows instead of working constructively and overlooking all but the worst affronts; hoodlumism breaks out among us now and then; while some read too much relatively to the thinking they do, or, what is the same, think too little relatively to the reading they do.

There is an impression to the effect that several of these faults, such as too little of university spirit and too much clique and shibboleth particularly beset our fraternities and sororities. I hope it is not so, but would not take oath that it is not. If it is—if the conviction I name is well founded—let the evil spirits be cast out.

Students, one and all, resolve, I beseech you, to do your best this year. Most of you, I am glad to bear witness, are duly diligent already, but not quite all. Many are industrious, but order their efforts less wisely than were to be wished. A few, alas, have wasted rich opportunities, nay, have even set up in their characters a positive disinclination rapidly turning into inability, to do well. To such it must be a bitter thought that departed days cannot be called back and put to better use. Oh, be stirred by the reflection that the future is yours, to be employed profitably if you will.

Colleagues, let us, as teachers, challenge one another this day to renewed devotion and to more triumphant efficiency. It is a rare boon to have ever to do with intellectual things; and it is a colossal responsibility to be charged with the mental and moral making of new generations. It is, in literal fact, ours to fix in part the destiny of the

race. Could we but feel the dignity of such a mission we should never lack incentives to best service. Years would not quench our zeal and death would find us at our posts.

May there descend upon us as a blessed spell the good spirit of those revered teachers now gone from us, whose sometime presence here still sanctifies this place.

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