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INTIMACY SHOULD BE LIMITED.

A feeling of fellowship between student and professor is an excellent thing; it encourages the student to do his best because of personal feelings; it makes the work of the professor much more pleasant than it could be were the relationship utterly impersonal. It does away with an atmosphere of restraint, which is so detrimental to the class work, and gives both parties a better insight into the character of the other.

On the other hand, the cultivation of such a feeling is dangerous when it is carried to an extreme or abused. There are in every large body of students certain ones who abuse their privileges, and in their growing intimacy with their professors come to, wittingly or unwittingly, impose upon their good nature. Herein lies the danger.

Although the idea of comradeship between student and professor is a laudable and beneficial one, its possessor must bear in mind that there is a limit beyond which it becomes a vice, and that respect for superior age and ability should at no time be forgotten.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT

THE TITANIC.
 "O. T."

Monday morning before the night mist had lifted from the sea, the Titanic went down. What quiet hands in the tide and the wind brought the ice down before its time to meet and cut the thin thread of life she drew across the Atlantic, and how that severed thread let fly a great circle of pitiful waving ends as if some mischievous finger had been thrust into the delicate spider web of life!

Yet we are accustomed to tragedies; a few lives more or less make little difference; the web will mend again and we will turn to the next sensational murder to have our finely strung emotions tickled with the injustice of Things. What worth these things have is perhaps to keep us from becoming too pessimistic, too sensitive to our troubles. Often, like children we think that our small joy or sorrow is the one thing of moment in all the world. A child unaware of the meaning of things about him, unconscious of his likeness to those about him,

lives alone in the room of little things, and we, too, in later life are apt to find ourselves shut in from the world, and living within ourselves. We bear with little grace the small misfortunes that creep into the tiny circle of our sheltered existence.

The story is told of Kisa Gotami, the mother, wild with grief, who brought her dead child to the great teacher, Buddha, and begged him to give it life again, and he, with great wisdom and compassion in his eyes, told her to bring but one mustard seed from a home wherein there had been no death. When she returned there was great peace on her face and tears in her eyes, for she said, "My search is ended and I know . . . Every house replied, 'Nay we have lost a loved one.' . . . And sudden thought, 'Fill me of all their mournful hearts; And in the great grief I became but one.

A tiny mote amid immensities." The Titanic accident was not horrible nor terrible; it was simply a truth. Truths, though often hard to face imaginatively, in real life come before us solemnly, with a peculiar justice and strength, and speak with peculiar man-like force and power. What finer thing than to meet them frankly, unafraid? What finer thing than to face the strong wind calmly without a moment's hesitation, while the full flow of life is still in the veins and the surge of strong emotion in the heart; to be lifted, only for a brief moment, out of the meanness and the pettiness of a half-lived life and feel the wave-beat and surge of immensities.

Our happiness is a little chain of moments small successes when our little hopes and plans and loves are fulfilled, and yet there must be a certain pleasure in tossing them all away with just a little human touch of bravado, while the band is playing and the end of life is capped with a quick heart-pounding thrill of ennoblement. On the Titanic were men whose hands were molding the affairs of nations, and whose hearts were aching with the loss of petty human hopes and the quick cutting of all things left undone; and yet, after the last lifeboat had cast off, the great ocean liner went down, quietly, the band playing that solemn and awful hymn that in Christian lands has come to mean the passing of some loved one into eternity.

CALENDAR.

Saturday.
 Tegner Society.
 Students' Debating Club.
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