

lens," up the front walk for the first time. It is a September evening. There like a green velvet carpet, lies the spacious, sloping campus; the buildings, grand and massive, crown it; the holy light pours over and between them; the scene, so sacred, and impressive, can never be forgotten. But he passes through the college and out into the back yard. What a transformation! Rubbish scattered about, and a long line of puny, dilapidated buildings shutting up the view of everything, and he arrives just in time to see the glorious sun drop into a coal shed to spend the night.

Give us then we humbly ask, all that nature has designed for us, the vacant fields behind the college; tear down all traces of buildings, sweep away all the rubbish, and let us dedicate to lively sports that large open space; then shall health gather on our cheeks, vigor in our bodies, power in our brains; our outward appearance shall be improved, and even the sun itself, painting the distant heavens with golden beauty, shall thenceforth find a roseate bed behind the distant mountains.

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SMALL PRACTICE.

There are some phases of character developed in college, which are perhaps not often considered. Among them we may mention one which not only belittles the individual in the eyes of others, but must on reflection, lower him very much in his own estimation.

We refer to a habit that some men have of stopping after the recitation to make inquiries of the Professors on points which, before entering the recitation rooms, they would be slow to admit they did not fully understand.

There are some men whose freedom in asking questions publicly in some departments, plainly shows that they are not embarrassed by so doing; but who, in certain other departments, refrain from questioning in the classes, and almost invariably remain to have personal conversation with the professors about the lessons. We do not mean to condemn those who occasionally stop to ask an explanation on some point, and that, too, honestly; but we speak of those with whom to stop is a regular custom. The secret of their course probably consists in the fact that in this way they hope to win favor in the eyes of the professors.

Men who labor for marks alone learn to be very shrewd, and think they understand fully which of the professors it will be most profitable to cultivate in this way. Hence it is that the very men who almost daily stop to advise with one professor, *never* do so in case of another. One peculiarity of these individuals is, that when approaching a professor, they never ask a question directly; but with a profound look of wisdom advance some idea, and ask him if it is not thus and so. The professor says it is, or is not, as the case may be, and proceeds to state the reasons why. This is just what the student wants, for in this way he gets all the information desired without asking for it, and gains the still greater point in his own estimation, of impressing the professor that he has penetrated deeper into the mysteries of the subject than his class-mates; and, if it so happens that on that day he has failed to make a brilliant recitation, he consoles himself with the thought that the professor must know *he* understood the lesson and will mark him accordingly. We are glad to say we think