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Whatever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
Col. iii. 17.

Have felt a desire, my friends, and I have thought that it would not be inappropriate, in the circumstances under which this Term Commences, to address a few words to you today, in order to desire you to your studies in this place, and may furnish you with principle which shall be displayed in your every-day life. And in looking for some passage in the words of God which would answer these ends,
to me an app.
more suitable than that which
just quoted. We may take that
passage in Helv. of Christian
life, 4. 3. practice, laid down as
first for the members of the Old
Testament, but designed to apply to
the members of every new community
throughout the world.

The religion of Christ is not
some
a system of doctrine, but of living
principles. It does not consist in
holding certain forms of faith, or
obeying certain duties which he has
laid down; but in living by faith
in him, and in him, with him.

The true "new" man is he who is in Christ,
grafted into him by a spiritual
union; and whoever by the
strength of the recovery from
him for their honour and glory. He
has felt the quickening power
of the death and resurrection, and he,
surrendered himself, as a sacrifice
liberated by his place, to the will of
love of Christ toward me is a
powerfully constraining motive; the
question is often forced upon his heart, What can I do
for him who has done so much for me. He feels that he is not the one
that he belongs to Christ; that he
has accepted himself in him, as
the wife urges herself on her
husband, and vows to love him,
and obey him unto death.

The point in the Epistle is, that we are to carry these
principles into all we say and do.
Whatever it is.

But does it follow from this, that we are always speaking of Him, and declaring one attack, not to Him? Why is hardly the meaning of doing all in His name?

The idea we wish expressing conveys, is rather that we are to keep our relation to Him, our frame of mind, and the principle of attachment to Him, in devotion to the service of the world, all our actions, all our speech, all our prudence. I bear His name, I bear His living. I represent him before the world. I live to advance His Cause. This is to be the guiding, governing motive of our lives, conduct.

It is beautifully otherwise treated by an event at Church history records as having occurred in the 2nd Century. The Church of Lyons and Rheims were subjected to a fierce persecution. Many were put to death, because they did not deny Christ. Amongst these was a youth named Quintus. He was tortured and made to endure most barbarous indignities to induce him to deny his Lord. He was asked his name, his nation, his state, whether he was a freeman or a slave. But to every inquiry, he replied: 'Christ, Christ am I a Christian.' Christ was to them name, state, trace it every thing. Now I assume that you have thus given yourselves to the guidance of a negligent life.
Loved by those who know thee with the blood: be it your purpose to live for them, as well as by Him. It's your purpose, and to obtain help and endurance to enable you to do this in the sacred calling of the ministry, if it should be God's will to call you by the rod to toil, and let me say, that with such a surrender of heart, and life, all that you may do and gain in the way of study, and be of little worth; so far as the great object of the Christian ministry is concerned. The principle of that ministry is to speak that we do know; testify that we have seen; and then when God makes use of to save other men; those who can speak from their own experience of the blessedness of the message which they have found in Jesus: who take and come to speak. Can say, we have found this message, which is by interpretation, Christ! We do trust that you can say this from your own experience. And therefore I may urge you to take the principles of doing all in the name of the Lord into your studies, and let it animate you to deliberately pneumonia them. But think what a test it will impart to them, if you realize the fact that you are working at them in His name. That you are doing it for His sake. That you may be better fitted to save
New. The work may be hard, the toil onsome, and sometimes the flesh may grow weary. But the thought that He may be honored by your noble efforts, that you may not acquire that which enables you to some wandering soul to them will animate you to perseverance, to follow on in the path appointed.

Some of you may have greater difficulties than others. Your previous education may have been of a lower standard. And consequently you have much more to do, that we might perform. A new language perhaps to learn, and thoughts altogether new to receive. You may perhaps be tempted. I know some are to ask, is this necessary? Cannot I preach without this? Perhaps you might. But, if by the study of the language with the L. T. nor written, you can enter more fully into the meaning of the thought and teaching of the Paul. and John, if you shall then be able to remove a stumbling-block from a weak brother, or more established in the truth yourself: will you not be strong, with greater energy to strive for its attainment, that the Lord Jesus who has loved you may be more glorified? And so, having other department of study, if not suited upon it, and废弃 for the principle while pursuing it, that we are doing it in the frame for his sake, that we may be better equipped for his service, it will manifest a deity that which might otherwise seem a
trudgery, and sweeten that
work, without it be hard to
work through.

And acting in the same
spirit, the discipline of college
life and the discharge of the various
duties, which will devolve upon
you here, will become a further aid
of encouragement, new whom you call
your Master, whose will you have
submitted to your own. What now
should arise at an Christian men
is to be like Christ, like him in
the subjection of himself, like him in
the subjection of his purpose, like him
in dedication to God, like him in
purity, in holiness, in love, and
let us not forget that the left
in an example, that we should
follow his steps.

And let me add this
in the way to make life cheerful

Happy, young man. We are endeavoring
that we are living in it for the Lord,
far from ministering life with any
thing like gloominess, restriction,
and melancholy, but properly
a joy of which the world knows
nothing, to strong the no motion,
optimism, or self-pleasure can
ever bring. So then let us live day
by day, and so let us act, in
private study,
on streets, in our social inter
course, in the lecture room, in
our recreations, in amusement,
and in every duty to which we
may be called, so appointed.

Let all be done in the name of
the Lord, by giving thanks unto
God the Father through Him.

Life, it has been said
The Book: it may be a volume
of large or smaller size; and
our concern to know it but the
letter page or the surface. The
book itself demands to be written.
But year # twelve days are in
chapter Heaven. Now
a book written for sternitude let
us see that it be written well.
It's a book for the instruction
memories as well as friends let
us be careful of going hard.
It's a book written in the name
of God; let it be done reverently,
dependably, and so that He may
be glorified.