The Dangers of a College Life

The dangers to which a young man is exposed during that part of his life which he spends in college, are numerous and difficult to oppose with a firm, unyielding spirit. After he has left the place, where till that time he has been under the supervision of those, whose duty it was to watch over and guide his early steps and to guard well the disposition to contract vices of every kind, he finds himself at liberty as he thinks to act for himself, and the consequence in most cases, a departure from those principles of moral conduct, which have been instilled into his mind from early youth. If he could realize, that the habits contracted at college will follow him through subsequent life, and perhaps in more aggravated forms, he would more readily recognize the duty to guard well himself lest he should yield to temptation. There is danger of extravagance. This is to be shunned with diligence as it is of an ever-increasing and extinguishing kind. Surrounded with hundred spirits, each indulgence leaves the way for a greater, until he quiet, his rebuking conscience with the soothing argument, that it is necessary to keep...