Having set before you the general importance of education in the foregoing part of my address and dwelt considerably on the particular excellence of the College college and the great advantage to be derived from the rules of Society, I now propose to close with a few remarks on the necessity of orderly conduct including some further motives to application. Fellow members, it is evident that our Society must cease to flourish within an hour as its laws cease to be obeyed. The Constitution must be observed, its reputation must stand without its loss as its members cease to display an active zeal for its prosperity or to maintain an upright character and dignified conduct. Since then the reputation of the Dialectic Society must necessarily rise or fall with that of its members. I would take occasion not only to enforce the necessity of obedience to the laws of Society and the utility of regular conduct within its walls, but would likewise recommend the strongest terms the strict observance of the laws of College and due attention to your general deportment as students.

Youth is the season in which the mind is tender and susceptible of impressions. It is then it must be replenished with the treasures of useful knowledge which are to expand and strengthen it. It is then the mind is to acquire habits and imbibe principles which are to accompany it through life. Hence the deportment that is fraught with habits of industry and sobriety, that is characterized by a manly dignity and moral conduct, ever obtains present reputation bestows future usefulness on life and strikingly points to the acquisition of earthly fame and greatness. The human mind is ever active and unceasingly employed in the performance of good actions or engaged in the execution of mischievous strategies. How is thinking has never