Incidents.

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Subject:
Doctor Leonard Woods, President of Bowdoin College.
President Woods had a charming manner and a resonant voice. Every graduate of the college when Doctor Woods was president, when he speaks of him usually undertakes to illustrate his tones.

Once when a young man had to attend church and had to sit in the south transept over against Doctor Adams pulpit, he took with him a copy of Robert Burns poems instead of listening to the sermon which was a good one and magnificently delivered. He kept up the reading and became so absorbed in his reading that he did not notice the monitor who discovered him as he uncovered his book, turning over the leaves.

The young student was reported to President Woods. The next day the president called him up and began after his usual manner to praise him and said something like this: "Henry you have been one of the best students in this institution and I am delighted with your progress and conduct. I have noticed your standing in the languages, especially your fidelity in your mathematical studies and I have had occasion from time to time to send a good report to your parents.

By this time the young student was greatly pleased and thought that perhaps he was to have some unusual reward for his good conduct. When with a little severity, President Woods remarked: "I see sir that you are reported for reading books in church during service and it is indeed incoherent..."
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to me how so good a lad could do such a thing. The student replied stammering that he did not like that minister's preaching and so he took a book with him to help him pass the time profitably.

"Oh! that it is it," said the president. "Pray tell me what good book is better than Doctor Adams preaching? Why sir, the poems of Robert Burns.

"Well! well," said the president, "I think that can hardly be the case. At any rate it is against the rules of this institution for the student to read books in church.

In this gentle way students were dealt with and seldom ever repeated the same offense after such a gentle reprimand. Doctor Woods always spoke the truth in love.
To me your delivery of your copy of my report is a surprise. It is not my habit to answer correspondence from the Minister's office

and so I am pleased to have this opportunity to thank you for your kindness.

"Oh, thank you! It is a real pleasure to help him focus on the draft regulations."

"What a good book! It is better than what Doctor Blake's book is!"

"Well, well, well! I am pleased. I think that can be the basis of a report. In any case, it's essential in the context of the draft regulations for the subject to keep pace with any

In this context, any amendments were well received with any

section that appears to have the same objective after each essay. Always a gentle journey..."

We say Doctor Wood's review twice plus twenty in Latin.