

encountered by the managers of all journals, and do not reason and common sense ultimately become the guide of their actions? And from this, not at all intimating that we are Philosophers and wise about all men, or that our rights and interests are vindicated in the pages of the Athenæum, to the exclusion of the privileges of all others, but we do maintain that since it has its existence in and through and by the exertions of the students, they should have the *precedence* in using it for any legitimate end.

Scarcely less important than these considerations are the demands of our *alma mater*. A most selfish spirit indeed possesses us if we are unwilling to stand up for the rights of her who have been moulding our lives, shaping our destinies, and fitting us for the great struggle of existence, to admonish her in times of prosperity and rally to her support in times of adversity, and, even though our co-operation may seem weak and ineffectual, to present a bold front in the maintenance of her prestige, dignity and honor. We trust that the social bond which now ties us together may grow and increase to a mighty link, which, venerated by truth and friendship, shall be corroded neither by the trepidations of fitful excitement nor the troublesome feuds of time.

From these different standpoints we are better enabled to view the character of the articles which constitute our paper. Realizing fully the danger of our position, we may remark that we are not perfect by any means, knowing much better what ought to be done than we can do, and simply ask the forgiveness of our readers while we offer a few suggestions.

It is of supreme importance in whatever we undertake that our actions should be characterized by impartial motives. All parties should be equally recognized and respected, so far as it is consistent with our principles. Questions should be discussed without prejudice or malice, judged without bias and in a spirit of charity and magnanimity. The sentiments therein asserted should not only be co-extensive with the exigencies of collegiate training, but also meet the demands of the majority, thus securing that which is of the most permanent value and practical utility. Relinquishing such requirements the aim of our paper becomes arbitrary and one-sided. The world moves on apace, ever extending the field of human conquest and research, in opening up vast realms of literary and scientific investigation, and to meet these advances we need to arouse ourselves from that lethargy which drags us down, and awaken to a realization of the fact that we are living beings placed here for some purpose in carrying out the great plan of creation.

Of all the elements which go to make up our monthly none are more conserving than truth and morality. Underlying, interweaving and sustaining the sentiments, we would have a sincere regard for truth and right, together with a sound and just appreciation of the principles of morality. Again

some may say, "If you assert such opinions your monthly will ultimately become over nice and sensitive, tending rather to theological than secular theories and consequently be diverted from the purposes of its original design." Be not afraid, such possibilities are not so easily realized—at least by the students of an Arts' course. But we maintain that unless a recognition of a being that is infinite and omnipotent in controlling the destinies of men, and the paramount importance of duty, be found operating in the influence of any paper the results of its labours are fraught with peril to the growth of human character. The issues of life are no trivial affair, to be made use of in vulgar colloquialism, but a stern and solemn reality, and so let us beware how we use our influence. Coming within a narrow compass we may add that the articles should be logical and straightforward, inclined neither to verbosity nor obscurity, but fulfilling as far as possible the claims of comprehensiveness and brevity, worthy in the highest degree of *multum in parvo*.

Last but not least for the successful and peaceful existence of a college paper, we may notice the feature of our paper comprehended in the exchange column. When the privileges of it are properly used everything seems to move along pleasantly, but the liability of its being used otherwise very often manifests itself to the shame and detriment of the writer. We believe a just and fair criticism of the current exchanges of the day is quite agreeable, and in return we ought not to provoke a spirit of recrimination when the contents of our *own* journal are judiciously examined. Much bitterness and retaliation will be avoided if we measure our judgments by the golden rule, and if we have in any way given offence in the past or unjustly estimated anybody's opinion, let us hope that in the future these hasty words of the moment may be swallowed up in the one grand aim of universal good.

PERSONALS.

REV. WALTER BARSS, M. A., '80, the Pastor of the Baptist Church at Hoosic, N. Y., is spending a short holiday at Wolfville.

FRED. ANDERSON, '86, is at Jordan & Marsh's, Boston.

MISS MELVILLE, '63, is head nurse in one of the Surgical wards of Mass. General Hospital.

CHAR. MILLER, '87, is at work in Boston. He has taken a first year in medicine at Halifax Medical College.

REV. O. C. S. WALLACE, '83, has been given a six month's leave of absence by his Church at Laurence, Mass., and will spend it for the benefit of his health at Dakota.

H. H. WELTON, M. D., '82, is practising in Brooklyn.