

A poem on "Albums" awakens a responsive chord in our heart, and we feel like taking the writer by the hand and saying, "Brother, we have been there." "Office of the Press" is genuinely an American article. In showing that the press aids and protects free institutions, the writer assumes that monarchical Europe is altogether rotten, and republican America altogether sound. We quote one sentence:—"While Europe, from decrepit old age, chicanery, corruption, jealousy and tyranny, is fast tottering into an inglorious grave, our young republic steadily makes rapid progress in enlightenment and true civilization." We think that an impartial investigation of the political condition of the "young republic" will show that "chicanery, corruption, and jealousy are quite as rampant in the New World, as in the Old. The editorial headed "Public Schools a Failure" we read with more interest than approval. Something which Richard Grant White has said is taken as a text for a discourse implying, if not asserting, that common schools are so "radically defective" as to be "training schools of vice and crime." Such assertions cannot be proved. In fact they are contradicted by every day experience. The exchange editor occupies two columns in a rambling, but very amusing, statement of his "platform." He says he is peacefully inclined, but is ready to fight if there be adequate occasion. If we correctly interpret the unwritten part of his salutatory, he is a good-natured, fearless individual, who will have a warm clasp of the hand for friends, and a bear-like, bone-crushing hug for foes.

The September number of the *Canada School Journal* is quite up to the usual standard of excellence. Two articles especially attract our attention, one by Dr. Hodgins in "Over-pressure in Education," and the other by Dr. Grant, M. P., on "Gymnastics of the Brain." In this age of cramming, all warnings from every source should be regarded, and when men of learning and experience speak we should pay particular deference to their words.

Since our last issue the Wolfville *Star* has changed hands. Walter Barss, A. B., of the class of '80, became the editor and proprietor the first of July. We notice changes and improvements. The first page is devoted to Agriculture, and contains every week valuable articles upon practical subjects. The Sept. 15th number gives a description of Roger's Fishway, with four illustrative diagrams, which is a sample of Mr. Barss's enterprise. The "Acadiana" department contains much news, and will be an interesting column to the friends of our

institutions of learning. There is to be a scientific department henceforth in charge of A. J. Pineo, of the Senior Class, and an educational department. We wish Mr. Barss the largest success in his journalistic ventures.

A copy of the *American Newspaper Directory*, published by Geo. P. Rowell & Co., New York, lies before us. We have examined it with much pleasure. As a book of reference it is invaluable to those who may wish an accurate knowledge of the name, circulation, size, and character, of any newspaper published in the United States or Canada. The value of the book is increased by a description of the cities and towns in which papers are published.

### Personals.

[Any information respecting the location and employment of former students of Acadia will be thankfully received by the editor for this column.]

'80. C. R. B. Dodge and B. F. Simpson are pursuing their studies at the Baptist Theological Seminary Chicago.

'80. L. R. Shaffner is teaching at Lockhartville, Kings Co N. S.

'80. G. J. Coulter White is at his home, Hampton, N. B.

'80. Samuel N. Bentley has gone to fill an important position as master of a school in Mass., U. S.

'80. Walter Barss, is now editor and proprietor of the "Star," Wolfville.

'80. J. C. Archibald is studying at Newton Theological Seminary.

'80. C. E. Griffin is Principal of a school in the poetic land of Grand Pre.

'80. E. W. Sawyer is teaching at Port Hakesbury, N. S.

'80. G. W. Cox is at present stopping at his home, in Upper Stewiack, N. S.

'79. C. K. Harrington on his way to "Newton," made us a call on the 15th of September.

'79. H. A. Spencer, after a successful pastorate at Dartmouth, N. S. has resigned his position and gone to "New Am."

'78. Trueman Bishop has resigned his charge of the church at Tryon, P. E. I., and gone to Crozier, Chester, Pa., to pursue his studies.

'76. J. C. Redden has also resigned his pastorate and gone to Crozier for Theological instruction.