

WE are not Vennor. Nor do we resemble the multitude who are "too wise to err." Often we leave undone the things we ought to do. These "humble confessions" are prompted by a contemplation of some omissions in our last number. By some oversight the name of Prof. Tufts did not appear in the list of professors; but since there was reference in an editorial to his "college duties," any one could infer that the omission of his name from the list was simply a *lapsus mentis* or a *lapsus oculi* on the part of the youth who prepared the copy.

"Junior," also, in giving a sketch of his class, omitted the name of Fred Masters, who was a member of that class in the Freshman year.

DR. J. G. HOLLAND, editor of the *Century Magazine* (hitherto called *Scribner's Illustrated Monthly*), is dead. His career furnishes an interesting study for young men, and shows what toil and persistence can accomplish. His success was not a flash in the sky. By perseverance, hard study, and a determination to succeed, he won the high place which for years he so much adorned, and in which he secured riches and honor. At first he met rebuffs. His manuscripts were rejected. Any one less a man would have grown faint-hearted. But not he. He was composed of sterner stuff. "It was perfectly natural for him to go at it, and stick at it, to try again and keep trying." Such a man must succeed. With steady steps he advanced from poverty to wealth, from obscurity to fame. Industry, manliness, and courage, were his distinguishing qualities. These chiefly produced his greatness. We admire his intellectual power: we pay homage to his nobility of character. No young man can study his life without being stimulated to press forward with resoluteness and hope, even in the face of opposition and discouragement.

THIS paper goes forth not merely as a mirror of passing events at Acadia, but also as an advocate of the Wolfville schools. We have confidence in the instruction given here—in its thoroughness and soundness,—and in the healthful moral atmosphere which prevails. For this reason we can earnestly ad-

vise parents to send their sons and daughters to Wolfville. This we do and shall do.

Nor shall we cease to advocate the claims of higher education; but shall seek to persuade those who think that a common-school training is sufficient, or, at any rate, that a college education is not worth seeking in the face of difficulties, that knowledge has not ceased to be power; that educated men are needed in walks of life other than the "three learned professions;" that there are treasures rich and rare which the unlearned never see, but which are sources of great pleasure and advantage to even the penniless scholar; and that a wider sphere of usefulness is certainly open to the man of trained intellect than to others. And since this is an important part of the mission of our paper, we desire to widen its circulation as much as possible, in order that we may make many acquainted closely with the Wolfville Institutions, and, if possible, induce many to come here, and share their advantages, who otherwise might be content with present attainments. But to increase the number of our subscribers to any great extent is not altogether easy. Our time is so fully occupied with college duties that we cannot devote much attention to any other matter. And that college papers are too poor to pay agents is evident. Our hopes therefore centre in our present readers; and to them we appeal. We find that many need but to be asked, and they at once cheerfully subscribe; and it is not too much to believe that if our friends in the various communities where they live would interest themselves in behalf of the *Athenæum*, the number of subscribers would soon be greatly increased.

OUR LECTURE COURSE.

Seymour E. Gourley, Esq., lectured before the *Athenæum*, on Friday evening, October 21st, upon "Paul."

Regarded from merely a literary standpoint, the lecturer considered Paul to have been one of the most illustrious characters the world has ever known. He possessed qualities that would have made him great in any time; yet he and his age seemed peculiarly adapted to each other. As bridegroom and bride they met, and the marriage ceremony was perform-