

The formal exercises over, Dr. Sawyer stated that a communication had been placed in his hands which he had great pleasure in announcing to the senate. The members of the graduating class had, as an expression of their good feeling towards the institution, offered a prize of \$25, open to undergraduates of next year, for the best series of monthly essays by any member of the three lower classes. Mr. S. W. Cummings, on behalf of the executive Committee of the Alumni, formally presented the president with the \$500, pledged by the Society a year ago, towards the salary of the Professor of modern languages. Mr. Cummings stated that the Society purposed continuing its assistance by giving \$600 the coming year towards the same object, and that a Committee had been appointed who were to make arrangements and report at a subsequent meeting, with a view to the establishment of a chair to be known as the "Alumni Professorship." This announcement was received with applause.

The exercises were then brought to a close, and a large number of those present retired to Chipman Hall where the Alumni dinner was served. Follows the toast list and speakers:—

Introductory.

The President—Dr. Hall.

Proposed by President—the Queen. "God Save the Queen."

Proposed by President—The Dominion and Local Governments. Responded to by Hon. Mr. Fielding.

Proposed by A. J. Denton—Acadia. Drs. Sawyer and Jones.

Proposed by A. J. Denton—The New Chair. Prof. Wortman.

Proposed by President—"1838." Judge Johnston.

Proposed by Vice-President Denton—"1838." L. D. Morse.

Proposed by President—"1838." Rev. O. C. S. Wallace.

Proposed by President—Acadia Seminary. Miss Wadsworth.

Proposed by President—Sister Colleges. Rev. W. H. Cline.

Proposed by President—The Pulpit. Rev. Mr. Foshay.

Proposed by President—The Press. Rev. C. Goodspeed.

Proposed by President—The Learned Professions, Dr. Parker, B. H. Eaton, Q. C.

A SPECTATOR

THE MISSION OF OUR PAPER.

THE thought that everything which exists was created for a purpose, although very important, is perhaps not so obvious as might first appear. But from a careful examination of the evidences offered by facts and the lessons taught by experience, the truth of such a statement becomes in a greater degree self-evident and self-confirmatory. By continued observation and reflection, we find that all things, whether great or small, are created to accomplish that peculiar purpose for which they were designed. Tennyson has well said—

"Yet I doubt not thro' the ages, one
Increasing purpose runs."

And in such a manner does this idea impress the mind that it cannot fail to elicit our deepest admiration and respect. Looking around upon all the results of man's exertion where do we find this purpose more fully exhibited than in the periodical literature of our age? In this class of writings there may be seen the higher workings of the human mind as truly as in the grandest achievements of Astronomy or Mechanical Engineering. The magazine and review are the exegeses of human thought, and the newspaper the mirror of human actions in a degree so tremendous as to be among the most powerful agencies that influence the national mind. Coexistent with these stand numerous other agents, all of which discharge the duties of their individual functions. As a complete review, however, of all the factors operating in this particular part of the literary realm, could not be attempted much less accomplished, we take the part played by a college paper, assuming as such the mission of our own journal.

We may first observe that it should be the promoter of student and college interests. If the students have any views and opinion in regard to any moral, social, or educational reform, we hold that in the columns of our monthly their views should find expression. No less than one of the highest and most conspicuous criteria of the pain and pleasure, the sorrow and happiness of undergraduate life must we regard the office of our paper. But says one: "From such a course perhaps your paper will become a promulgator of strange doctrines and gross idiosyncracies, thus giving offence to many of its subscribers, etc." Very true it may. But we ask, are not such difficulties