

him in writing to some friend make similar mistakes in spelling common words or in the use of capital letters, and the same claim may be put forward. The necessity of heeding these matters is made apparent when it is considered that from them a criterion is formed by which the general education of the person is judged. It is likewise manifest when it is remembered that carelessness in this respect has the effect to lower the significance of a college degree. Unjust though it may be, the fault will be attributed to the college as one showing her inability to fulfil her profession.

A double injury is thus the result; since both student and college are placed under unfavorable criticism.

WHAT am I going to do when my college course is finished? Question hard to answer, yet daily heard. The sooner it is thought out and determined upon once for all, the better will be the work done, the more satisfactory the life, and above all, the greater its ultimate success. The student who, in his four or five years of life spent in what is supposed to be preparation, has not yet "decided" as to what shall constitute his life work, in all human probability intends, either to do nothing, as such a one has likely been engaged in all along, or his father is rich. Both are equally deplorable; for what is more sad, indeed, a greater downright positive sin, than to drag natural ability in the mire of sloth, simply because stimulated by no purpose; or what is a more sickening spectacle than to see a young man, able bodied, endowed with excellent talents, curl himself up like a lazy cat, and calmly go to sleep on the paternal hearth rug? It would be difficult to estimate how much good has been lost to humanity, how many lives have become mere rocking horses of progression, by simply drifting through the first few years of life. A fixed purpose means business; a definite aim success; and healthy business is synonymous with happiness; honorable success one of the noblest ambitions of life. But a word more: mere choice of profession, simple conclusion as to what field of labour you intend to enter, is not an absolute guarantee of success. Without faithful application, and concentration of ability upon your particular line of action, your decision is only a mumbling decision—a deceitful snare. The man who enters a boat with the expectation of crossing a stream, and then "goes

below," is destined to be disappointed; unless he puts a strong hand to the oar, he is likely to remain at the starting point sometime. In these days of competition and rivalry, 't very often requires a long pull, and strong, and one till the other side is reached. Then sleep not, responsibility of failure rests largely with yourself. Choose for yourself. Be governed by the past, and trust not too much to the future; about all we know of it, is its uncertainty. Lucky rhymes with plucky. Don't expect to electrify the world in three weeks. Failure at least implies trial, and good attempts are better than bad successes.

WE have been informed that an impression is abroad to the effect that the ACADIA ATHENÆUM has been used by its editors for political purposes. To such a charge we plead "Not Guilty." It is, and has been the aim of its managers to keep the columns of the ATHENÆUM entirely free from all matters which savour of party feeling. If we have been interpreted as seeking to benefit the interests of one side more than those of the other, we speak honestly when we say that nothing of the like was intended. The only article which could have given rise to such an opinion was the one published in the last issue of the ATHENÆUM, and entitled "Nor'-West Reminiscences." We feel sure that any person, unless his opinions be wholly biased, would be able to judge from the very circumstances connected with the article, that in its publication no political designs were prosecuted.

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#### NECESSITY OF OBSERVING THE RULES OF LOGIC IN WRITING.

WHILE all men may agree to the proposition that logical order is necessary in writing, yet it may help us to attach due importance to this fact if we consider its claims from a psychological and experimental standpoint. Those acquainted with the principles of psychology are well aware of that power of the mind by which it maintains contiguity of thought. This