

on our beloved Alma Mater. Yet let us remember that the education we have received here is but a beginning in life and is mainly valuable in so far as it trains us in the habit of continued application, facilitates self-education after a definite plan and system and enables the mind freely to exercise its powers. It is not what we know that is of so much importance as the end and purpose for which we know it. The object of knowledge should be, to mature wisdom and improve character, to render us better, happier and more useful; more benevolent, more energetic, and more efficient in the pursuit of every high purpose in life.

Ninety five has not only been before the public in the physical contest mentioned but in literary lines has shown herself worthy of a place in the institution. Two of our number had the honor of participating in a public debate with our worthy and respected sister institution—King's College and adding another to the list of victories which this year have fallen to Acadia. One of our number in the fall of ninety-three accepted an important position on the teaching staff of Acadia Seminary and discharged her duties in a satisfactory manner, another by his diligence succeeded last year in having his name placed among the list of instructors of his Alma Mater.

But our education does not cease when we have given attention to our physical and intellect alone. We have a moral faculty committed to our care which by the faithful is trained simultaneously with our other faculties, and although the study of ethics has held a prominent place in our course, our attention has not wholly been given to the contents of our text books in order to discover what are the mainsprings and motives of our actions, but we have had before us an exemplary life in the person of our beloved and revered professor whose character is the vital expression of all true ethical principles. Unless we have developed a noble and true character in our course we have lost the crown and glory of our lives.

A good character is the noblest possession of a man, constituting a rank in itself and an estate in the general good-will; dignifying every station, and exalting every position in society. It exercises a greater power than intellect or wealth and secures all the honour without the jealousies of fame. It carries with it an influence which always tells: for it is the result of proud honour, rectitude and consistency—qualities which, perhaps more than any other, command the general confidence and respect of mankind. Classmates