

men of note too readily give their names to be used as a means of gain by such as are unworthy of that patronage from the public which they thereby secure. It seems sometimes as though our language had been ransacked for words conveying the highest praise, without regard to fitness or truth. By this means a reasonably credulous public is greatly wronged; and the language even of leading men, must henceforth be taken at a discount. There are enough unworthy individuals who get their living from the stores of honest people upon *their own* story, without having an additional number wandering over the land and receiving what they do not deserve and would not receive but for the confidence placed in the man by whom they are so highly spoken of.

Before leaving, "Prof." Tripp intimated his willingness to take a *trip* "down here" at some future time to deliver other lectures of his series, provided we would wish his services again. If by some process of metamorphoses he is so changed as to become able to produce lectures which approach within "a few thousand miles" of the representations given of his present series, we would indeed be delighted to have him again in our midst, but as long as he remains *in statu quo* we will not mourn though long separated from him by many leagues.

SHOULD students dispose of their text books as soon as they get through with them in College? This is a question of more importance than a mere glance discovers. There are circumstances, no doubt, which render it almost necessary for some students to sell them as they lay them aside, but probably in the majority of cases, it is wholly a matter of choice. Some few books, of course, may just as well be disposed of, as the owners are not likely ever to have time or occasion to look into them again; and what these may be will differ with different persons according to their intended employment. It would seem that by those who look for-

ward to the teaching profession, most if not all of their College text books should be retained. It appears strange that any one who has gone through Olney's Algebra, for instance, and who purposes teaching, should be willing to part with a work so comprehensive and so thorough. So of any good treatise on Rhetoric, Political Economy, Mental Philosophy, or any well edited classic. Few students would pretend to say that they have outgrown the works they have laid aside; and even supposing they have completely mastered them, this is not a sufficient reason for letting them pass into other hands. If the design of the book is mental training solely, it may be kept with profit for future intellectual gymnastics; and if it is simply a magazine of knowledge, it should be kept for future reference, for, unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately after all, we do not retain everything we learn. There is no doubt but what some of the studies pursued in College might be very profitably continued after graduation, no matter what might be the character of the subsequent employment. After all, many subjects are just entered upon in College, and they would surely repay further investigation. Though other volumes must of course be taken up for study, the old text books, like old companions, would prove themselves to be friends that may occasionally be interrogated to advantage.

IN the November number of the *ATHENÆUM* it was our sad duty to chronicle the demise of a fellow-student and brother, Frank W. Morse. While our hearts are heavy and sorrowful, death visits us again and snatches away from our ranks, Mr. F. D. Martin of Belfast, P. E. I. Mr. Martin came to the College the First of October and joined the Freshman class. To all human appearance, at that time, his health was good and he was as likely to live as any among us. After a few weeks, however, he experienced an attack of hemorrhage of the lungs, and in spite of the best nursing