

ungainly appearance on the world's stage. History has shown us many such deformities ; and the fields of time are polluted with their carcasses.

It behooves, then, all true lovers of that "righteousness which exalteth a nation," to pierce with the most scrutinizing gaze every phase of College work. We realize that it is somewhat difficult for even the most discerning public, to look into these things as they could wish. It is with the intention of facilitating this that, as a rule, College papers are published. We asserted in our first number, in speaking of this very matter, that "The primary object is to give the friends of the College direct, and reliable information regarding the work of Professors and Students. And, to the best of our ability, we have striven to perform this work. With what faithfulness and fulness we leave our readers to judge. The kindly reception given to our Journal everywhere it has gone, encourages us to believe that we have not totally failed in accomplishing our object. But we repeat our opening assertion : that the success reflects more credit on our readers than on our editors ; for it shows, on the part of the former, a keen desire to read the signs of the times in the intellectual and spiritual world ; while it but tells of the faithfulness which the latter have exhibited in portraying facts,—a faithfulness which is simply truthfulness.

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In this issue of the JOURNAL, attention will be at once directed to the number of contributions. To two of these we wish to draw special notice. These are the articles of Revs. M. H. Scott and G. D. Bayne. The Presbyterian Church has sometimes been denominated narrow and bigoted. We once heard a remark to the effect that Presbyterians were a distinctively Bible-reading people, and that for fidelity to Bible-teaching they could not be surpassed ; but that they had little sympathy for other denominations, and that they might, therefore, be called narrow.

We sincerely and devoutly hope that the Bible-reading charge is still true ; and that it will continue to be true, till it please the Great Author to close the Book and Himself instruct His people. But we have a word to say about the charge of lack of sympathy. We do not feel at all irritated by the thrust ; because we believe that any one who has been reading the signs of the times, any one who has been watching the shaping of the religious world, will never make this assertion. And we do not feel, inclined to stop to debate the matter with those who have not.

It is not to be wondered at if the Presbyterian Church, two centuries ago, regarded with considerable distrust the churches which hounded her to the death, and watered Scotland's mountains with the blood, and fed hostile fires with the flesh, of her choicest sons. But the onward sweep of