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"Prodesse Quam Conspici."

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## Light and Shadow.

Art weary with life's struggle, friend?  
Too faint to more pursue?  
The sun which brightens all the world  
Makes all the shadows too.  
Often from the selfsame fountain  
Joys and woes alike descend,  
And the strength we gain in struggling  
Makes us victors in the end.

E. BLACKADDAR, '97.

## The Canadian College and Canadian Life.

It is sometimes said that the glory of the Canadian college is that it makes effective men. In support of this statement, instances are not wanting of men that have contributed to the moral, intellectual, industrial or political growth of our country, who are graduates of one of her colleges. That there is something of permanent value in our colleges is beyond dispute. That it stands for something enduring is shown by the fact that time, which proves all things, almost always permits universities to endure. Yet discussion can do no harm, and amidst a multitude of counsellors, we ask ourselves the question, does the education received at our colleges do all that it might to fit men or women for every day life and the achievement of the greatest good.

It is generally believed that the most important knowledge required for a man's life, will come to him after graduation, if he has had at college a sufficiently vigorous training in the required course of instruction. Reflection on our part and observation of life does not confirm this theory. The student having received his degree, is despatched into the world to perform the duties of a station, important by reason of the large fortune at his command. Brought face to face with life, he finds himself amply supplied with knowledge of Mathematics, or Greek, but in the great problems of life that concerns his future he is as a mere child. No courses of a practical nature were given to the student while in college.