

of the ATHENÆUM" who had the boldness to criticise the "best college journal in the Dominion." The feelings of the writer of this reply seem to have been in a state of tumult. With pretty ingenuity he seeks to attract attention to his marvellous insight into the motives, ability, etc., of the critic of the *Gazette*, for the most part, however, avoiding answers to criticism. And, in truth, the odd little tricks in which he indulges when attempting to reply, convince us that his aim is chiefly to amuse. At one moment he dodges out of sight in the shadow of Sir William Young, and the next guilelessly declares his ignorance of an assumption which appeared in the November number of the *Gazette*. Perhaps he had better read that number, giving special thought to the editorial which purported to be the salutatory of the present board of Editors.

It seems we mis-understood those remarks of Sir William Young, which the *Gazette* repeated. This writer thinks that if we read them again, and do not "draw a different meaning from those sentences," we are to be "pitied." Well, we humbly apologize for the mistake, and cheerfully "draw a different meaning." We ought to have known that Sir William when speaking so flatteringly, was merely indulging in a little pleasant irony.

The December *Athenæum* is honored with a place "on one of the shelves of our library," so says our friend. We are very glad to aid a sister college in building up a library, especially since, if report speaks true, the few shelves of books, in courtesy called *the library of Dalhousie College and University*, are not particularly well filled.

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