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"OMNES FACIUNT" is an excuse as old as Terence. Ever since the days of Heautontimorumenos, it has flourished, spread its green branches and borne abundance of fruit. And it is still alive and well, retaining all its youthful freshness and beauty. But it is the deadly Upas, contaminating, poisoning, *killing* the true independence, nobleness and strength of character in many a promising youth. "They all do it." "What if they do?" They may all do wrong. The boy who uses this excuse ought to confess to himself either that he does not care what he does so long as he can find some excuse, or that he has not sense enough to judge for himself. It is a happy day for him when he finds out that he has a mind and a conscience and a *personality all his own*. Think of it boys. Let us be men. Let us have minds of our own. We have minds of our own. Let us use them. Let us have that decision of character, that

manliness of independence, that *stubbornness for the right*, coupled with that nobleness of soul, kindness of heart and respect for the opinions and regard for the rights of others that will constitute us men. Let no one who dares to call himself a *man* get his rule of life ready made from the actions of others. Let us copy *virtue* wherever we see it, but *abhor evil* even in an apostle or priest.

WE have long needed a College song book and got one the other day. It was sent through the courtesy of the Committee and Publishers and is called the "University of Toronto Song Book." It is handsomely bound, contains all the most popular college songs, many old "Standbys" and some fine choruses. Indeed it is the best thing of the kind we have ever yet seen, and will no doubt have a large circulation among the different Institutions in Canada at least. Many thanks.

IT is gratifying to read in a late issue of *Messenger and Visitor* the letters from representatives of Morgan Park, Brown, Newton, Rochester, Harvard and McMaster Hall. They show what other honest men, who are competent judges, think of denominational colleges,—what they think of Acadia and what they think of the present efforts to raise a Jubilee Fund. These men are not flatterers and in their testimonies to the worth of Acadia, they mean what they say. Gratitude for such testimonies does not arise because we think the character and reputation of Acadia needs propping up but because it is pleasing to see that her worth is being so widely and generally recognized; because many of her modest supporters will see that they do not stand alone in their appreciation of the institution they are upholding, and because we welcome gladly every straightforward statement that will help the pæonie to see Acadia as she is and hasten the accumulation of that much needed fund, without which our jubilee rejoicings will be sadly marred.