

and county. His judicial duties have been performed to the general satisfaction of the Metropolitan Bar, if the several complimentary addresses presented him by that Body in the course of these years, and the handsome and valuable testimonial of which he was the recipient on his jubilee wedding day, furnishes any criterion by which to judge.

Judge Johnston will have completed his seventy-fifth year on the tenth day of the ensuing year, and though now physically and mentally equal to the discharge of his duties, yet what period may elapse before the silver cord is loosed no human prescience can divine. But Time, whose chilling finger, sooner or later touches every life, and hurries each in his turn to that bourne from whence no traveller e'er returns, will write no furrows on Acadia's brow, but with strength increased, and vigour added, she will continue to flourish in the springtide of eternal youth—a beacon whose light, bright and clear, and casting its radiance far and wide, shall point the pathway to the hill-top where stands the temple of virtue, science and of highest culture; nor shall its lustre ever dim until the last graduate be called to sit at His feet and learn of Him who is all knowledge.

Wolfville as a College Town.

We sometimes hear it said that circumstances, environment, have nothing to do in the forming of character. The exponents of this doctrine will tell us that every man even in childhood has in himself the germ of what he shall be and despite all circumstances he will be that and nothing else. He has, they maintain, certain subjective characteristics that will work themselves out and, overcoming all obstacles and difficulties of environment, will in the end conquer, and bring the man to the predestined goal.

To support their theory they point to the long list of men who have overcome almost insurmountable difficulties and have attained to fame and emolument. This, they, say, is a proof that circumstances do not mould the character; but character the circumstances.

Again others will tell us that circumstance is all. That environment moulds the character, the mind, the will and all else; that man is not even responsible for his acts; that all things come by a fortuitous combination of atoms. In support of their theory they present the same cases as those of the aforementioned class, and show that the circumstances in those cases although seemingly adverse, were in reality those best calculated to produce the actual results.

We will have no quarrel with either of these classes; but extricating ourselves altogether from this entangled argument we would merely observe that certain circumstances are evidently better fitted to produce a certain result than any other circumstances; that certain towns are better fitted for college sites than other towns. And in support of our theory we will simply state that a man can study bet-