

and relaxation within the charmed circle that gathers round the family hearth. Go then '86, '87 and '88, and our best wishes accompany you; we will follow you in due season; but our departure will be a final one, while you will return again after your vacation filled with a deeper enthusiasm for your work and a stronger attachment for your Alma Mater.

EMERSON, in his article on "Society and Solitude," tells us that "A man must be clothed with society, and society cannot do without cultivated men." The student who has given all his time and attention to the subjects prescribed in the college curriculum will not enter upon the duties of life with as fair promise of success as he who has the dual training of college and society. But little thought is needed to reveal the great advantage gained by the student who unites in a moderate degree the possible social with the desired mental training. Though perhaps but a boy when he enters college, he graduates and leaves his Alma Mater a man, with a destiny in his hands. From the fact that at various educational institutions there are always those who cannot, or more probably will not, avail themselves of such discipline as society might afford, we have the explanation of the existence and constant appearance of those who, to speak mildly, always appear *out of place* at any social gathering. The attainment of that ease and elegance of manner and address so desirable in all, and especially in young men whose various professional occupations will constantly bring them in contact with people of culture, is too often neglected at a period when they could appreciate and profit by such training. But the time will come, sooner or later, when they will learn by bitter experience what it means to lack an element so essential to success. Some few years ago it was difficult for our students to escape these results; but now, thanks to the skating rink, the temperance societies and social gatherings of various kinds, the student himself is to blame if he does not avail himself of these opportunities for social improvement. Considering the position which Acadia holds in the hearts of the Maritime Baptists, it would not be unreasonable to expect that the Wolfville Baptist Church would show a deep interest in the social as well as the moral welfare of the students

who attend the College and mingle with the congregation; but until quite recently the students have been impressed with the belief that such was not the case. They met for worship in the village church but they were virtually strangers to the people who gathered there; they assembled around the communion table, but they were almost unknown to their fellow-worshippers. It is pleasant to know that the ladies of the Wolfville Church have been making praiseworthy efforts to remove this defect, and give the students of the three departments an opportunity to become acquainted with the members of the church and congregation. A step towards the attainment of this object was made a few weeks ago by holding a general sociable in the vestry of the Baptist Church, where the cordial handshaking and words of welcome made the students feel at home; while music, readings and pleasant conversation formed a no less agreeable part of the programme. To the students of the College, Seminary and Academy, the evening was a most enjoyable one, and will long be remembered as a welcome innovation on the custom of this part. We understand that another sociable is contemplated before the close of the term.

FRICITION IN COLLEGE LIFE.

THOSE who have forgotten the fact, as well as those who have never learned it, will find by consulting some standard authority, that Friction is the resistance produced by the rubbing of bodies against each other. Though known chiefly from its effects in machinery where its results can be accurately determined, it nevertheless exists, passively exerting an influence, wherever material bodies are in contact. The following thoughts have been suggested by that peculiarity of friction which causes it to be regarded, when superficially considered, only as a positive hindrance to motion, but which, on closer investigation, shows it to be a wise provision of nature—the one condition, in fact, which makes motion from rest possible. And hence, using the term to express the resistance which every student meets, it is proposed to indicate some of the points of contact and to show that its presence, though generally regarded harmful, is, in the truest sense, an important element in college discipline.